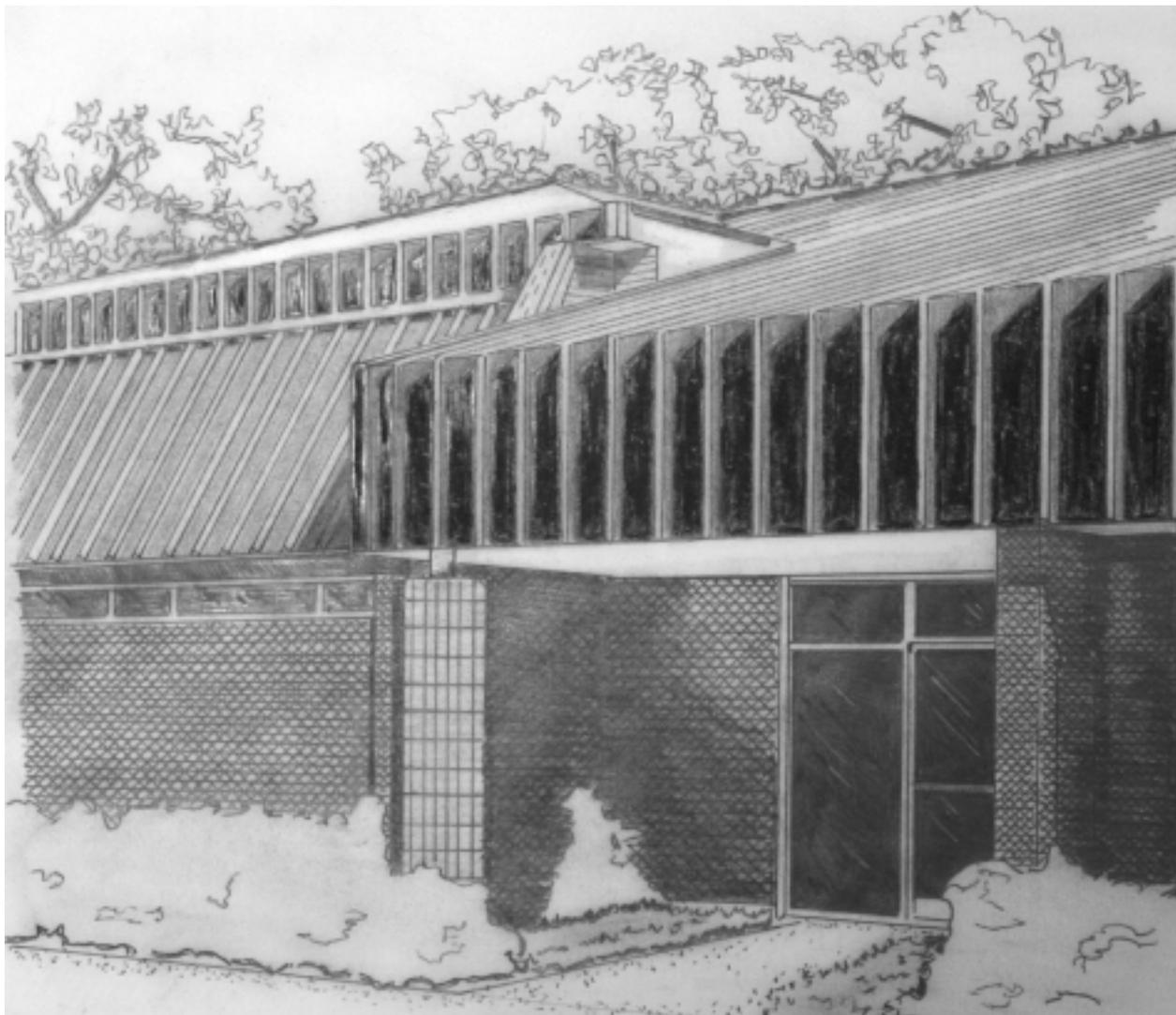




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Germantown, Tennessee, home of The Tennessee Genealogical Society  
by *G Andrew Pouncey*

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## FROM THE EDITOR

I've just switched over to [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) as my online database for genealogical research, instead of [Genealogy.com](http://Genealogy.com), and am happily finding much more information on my family and family connections than I did before. It is possible that I'm doing a better job of looking up people after a few more years of researching—or it's possible that the folks at [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) (who also own [Genealogy.com](http://Genealogy.com)) just have more information available online at this source.

Which brings me to another subject: Have you even gone back to material in your files from several years ago and asked yourself "Where did I find that information? Is it accurate?" I certainly have, and realize that, in a hurry, I forgot the basic rules of documentation and recording my sources.

When you begin research, here is a simple, standard system for recording each new source. Information on printed sources is easily recorded on 3 x 5 cards (keep some in your briefcase or notebook, with a rubber band around them). Take a moment to write a bibliography card, and then take notes on the material you will use.

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A new wrinkle to this old system: **For online sources:** When I search online and enter new names and dates on my Family Tree Maker program (one of many programs), I enter all data in the spaces provided and add census records and any conflicting data as "notes" under the person's name. [was he born in Kentucky instead of Tennessee? married three times?] and always list "[Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) online" as my source. Then, if I receive more accurate information, I can make corrections.

When you get ready to write your family history, a librarian or experienced researcher will be happy to help you with the correct form for bibliography and footnotes. Until that time, remember to **RECORD YOUR SOURCES**.

*Ann Kendall Ray*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently I read an article, "Sacred Texts in an Oral Culture: How Did They Function?" in the magazine *Biblical Archeology Review* by Ben Witherington. Professor Witherington, among other things, attempts to help people from our text-based culture relate to the earlier oral cultures: from hand written (or chiseled) documents to the high speed word processors of today.

It took thousands of years to move from stone engraved messages to Johannes Gutenberg's moveable type and his Gutenberg Bible, (c1443) and another five-hundred years to invent the computer. It took only twenty years more to develop the desk-top computer, and another twenty to make computers, the internet, and cell phones available to millions (billions?) of people.

The new computers that TNGS purchased this month have a half-life expectancy of about six months. (In six months there will be something "better.") My cell phone has more memory than my first computer and more functions. It will take pictures and transmit them and text messages to multiple recipients in the blink of an eye.

Cliché, "We are truly living in the modern age." The modern age today will be obsolete next week. I am in awe of and immensely enjoying the technological age, in which we live.

The massive amount of digitally-stored genealogical information is incomprehensible, and daily grows exponentially. It is quickly, easily, and cheaply accessed.

We live in a society that demands instant gratification. Is the new wave family history researcher willing to dig through court house records; do tombstone rubbings; or even pore over books in a library? How dedicated are they to "proving" their data?

I was told this week that three more genealogy/history book sellers have recently ceased operations. Is the traditional small regional research library facing a similar fate? What should the roll of a genealogical society or library be in this environment? How can TNGS serve its current membership, some with few computer-skills, and maintain an interesting and productive atmosphere for the technologically savvy researcher who wants to compile a family history ASAP?

The partnership with the Germantown Community Library has given TNGS a pool of talented library personnel for counsel and increased disposable income, permitting upgrading of infrastructure and increased acquisition of research material.

The 2008-09 TNGS Board of Directors has very capable people in every position and I have appointed a Tech/Planning Committee from the membership to develop a road map for TNGS and the GRHGRC for the next several years.

Your Society is in good hands. We hope you will continue to support its efforts to serve the needs of the family-researcher.

*James E. (Jim) Bobo*

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## Stephen Beaver, Young Tennessee Farmer

Michael A. Ports\*

### Introduction

The following article is the eleventh installment in the continuing series of articles on the children of Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver of Henderson County, Tennessee. The present subject is their son Stephen Beaver, his wife Nancy, and their family. Additional articles on the remaining children are planned and underway. The article presents all of the records that have been found and attempts to place the subjects in their proper historical context. Of course, it is hoped that their descendants as well as other researchers will find their story both informative and interesting. It also is hoped that interested readers will step forward with new information. The story of Stephen Beaver is both a short and tragic one. His life began on an optimistic note. He grew up in rural Henderson County, surrounded by pleasant, if modest, circumstances. As a young man, he acquired land, married, started a family, and began farming. But fate was not kind, as he died in his mid-thirties. However, before his untimely demise, he managed to establish a substantial estate that provided for his widow and children.

Stephen could be satisfied that the fruits of his labors yielded an ample legacy and that his children all grew to become worthy and upstanding citizens.



Map from Sistler *Early West Tennessee Marriages*  
(Nashville, Byron Sistler & Associates, 1989)

### The Early Years

**12. Stephen Beaver** was born circa 1822 in Lincoln County, Tennessee, the son of Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver. He was just an infant when his family moved to Henderson County. It was there that he probably attended the local schools, but just how much education he received is uncertain. It is presumed that he learned to farm from his father and older brothers. After the death of his father, he lived with his brother Carroll, with whom he probably was living in 1840. When Stephen came of age, he struck out on his own. He both married and acquired land, although the order in which he did so is uncertain. No doubt the official records of both his marriage and his land purchases were lost when the courthouse twice was destroyed by fire.

Based upon the ages of his children, Stephen married circa 1844 probably in Henderson County. Unfortunately, the maiden name of his wife Nancy has not been found. About that same time, it is presumed that he purchased a farm of approximately 191 acres of land.

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In 1850, like most of his neighbors and family, Stephen was farming. The 28-year-old valued his real estate at \$800. His wife Nancy was 24 years old and born in Tennessee. Their two young daughters, Nancy and Mary, completed their household. Stephen owned one slave, a 7-year-old female. His farm, consisting of 50 acres of improved land and 141 acres of unimproved land, was worth \$800. In livestock he owned two horses, two mules, one cow, one cattle, twenty sheep, and eight swine, all worth \$228. With farm implements worth just \$60, his farm produced sixteen bushels of wheat, two hundred bushels of corn, thirty bushels of oats, two bales of ginned cotton, twenty-seven pounds of wool, three bushels of peas and beans, twenty bushels of sweet potatoes, one hundred pounds of butter, twenty pounds of beeswax and honey. \$30 in home manufactured goods, and \$30 in slaughtered animals.

His widow Nancy is listed as the head of the household in 1860. She was 33 years old and listed her occupation as farm tenant. She had moved her four children, Lucinda, Mary, Rebecca, and Stephen, to a tenant farm just three doors from her brother-in-law Carroll Beaver. No doubt, her new arrangements were more convenient for her as well as for the executor of her late husband's estate. Nancy valued her personal property at \$2,500, probably indicating that she owned two or more slaves. However, her name does not appear as an owner on the slave schedule. Perhaps her slaves were enumerated with those of her brother-in-law Carroll Beaver.

### **A Tragic Death**

From the foregoing, it seems that Stephen had died sometime after the birth of his son in 1855, but before 1860. Nancy rented a farm consisting of 25 acres of improved land. She valued her livestock at \$40. She owned just two cows and two cattle. With farm implements valued at \$10, her farm produced two hundred fifty bushels of corn, five bales of ginned cotton, three bushels of peas and beans, three bushels of potatoes, ten bushels of sweet potatoes, five pounds of beeswax and honey, \$50 in home manufactured goods, and \$35 in slaughtered animals.

Stephen left a will that was destroyed when the courthouse burned. The will named his older brother Carroll as the executor of his estate. Fortunately for later generations, however, Carroll took his time in completing the settlement of his brother's estate. Thus, a few of the later estate documents have survived. Of course, it is not possible to know the precise terms and conditions that Stephen specified in his will. Perhaps the settlement of the estate was delayed during the tumultuous days of the Civil War. More likely, the will instructed the executor to manage the estate for the benefit of his widow and minor children. In fact that was done. The widow Nancy did not receive her distributive share of her husband's estate until December 7, 1870.

Nancy remained a widow. But by 1870, she had moved back to District No. 6. At 43 years of age, she still was farming but owned no real estate. She valued her personal property at \$500. Only her son Stephen was living with her. Both she and her son Stephen could read, but not write. Because she rented, the size of her farm was not recorded. She owned one horse, two cows, two cattle, and five swine, all valued at \$250. Her farm produced two hundred bushels of corn, fifty pounds of tobacco, one bale of cotton, three bushels of potatoes, one dozen bushels of sweet potatoes, one hundred four pounds of butter, \$35 in home manufactured goods, and \$75 in slaughtered animals. The previous year, the total annual farm production was worth \$300.

## Settling the Estate

On March 23, 1871, Carroll Beaver filed the following accounting of his deceased brother's estate.

<i>To Bal. due distributees as per settlement 23 March 1866</i>		\$3200.52	
<i>Int. on same to 23 March 1871</i>		<u>960.05</u>	
			\$4160.57
<i>I find him Entitled to &amp; as follows</i>			
<i>By Cash paid W. L. Stegall &amp; Son for Mrs. Nancy Beaver</i>		\$30.75	
<i>“ Do “ Jesse Taylor Tuition</i>		20.10	
<i>“ Do “ Lawler &amp; Lovelace</i>		76.98	
<i>“ Do “ Lawler &amp; Lovelace for N. Beaver</i>		95.33	
<i>“ Do “ Brown &amp; Crook Medical apl.</i>		42.29	
<i>“ Do “ West Lundy &amp; Co. for N. Beaver</i>		28.41	
<i>“ Do “ Taxes for 1868</i>		16.80	
<i>“ Do “ John L. Cawthorn Admr. of Farmers Est.</i>		8.17	
<i>“ Do “ John L. Cawthorn on afc.</i>		11.55	
<i>“ Do “ Jesse Taylor for Tuition</i>		14.64	
<i>“ Do “ Taxes for 1865</i>		18.80	
<i>“ Do “ Shff. McCall on Judgt vs. N. Beaver</i>		290.12	
<i>“ Do “ for Taxes for the year 1867</i>		12.42	
<i>“ Do “ J. P. Cawthorn afc. bal.</i>		18.13	
<i>“ Do “ Brewer for Tuition</i>		5.63	
<i>“ Do “ A. H. Rhodes Attys fee</i>		31.20	
<i>“ Do “ Exrs. acp. as Mrs. N. Beavers for Carver &amp; Co.</i>		23.60	
<i>“ Do “ Amount assained to S. Pearce</i>		5.00	
<i>“ Do “ His services for the last 8 years</i>		<u>2.80</u>	<u>931.67</u>
			\$3228.90
<i>By Cash paid Clerk for this settlement order &amp; Records</i>	3.00		
<i>Recording &amp; Receipts</i>	3.00	<u>6.00</u>	
			\$3222.90
<i>4 Shares Each share \$805.72½ Which is due to the distributees of Stephen Beaver Dec'd as follows. To Wit.</i>			
<i>To Mrs. Nancy Beaver widow &amp; Co.</i>		\$805.72½	
<i>I find that said Exr on the 7th day of Decr 1870 paid for her the sum of</i>	825.00		
<i>He is entitled to Dist. on that amount</i>	<u>74.43½</u>	859.45½	
<i>Bal due Exr</i>		33.71	
<i>To J. T. Arrundle &amp; wife</i>		805.72½	
<i>He paid them on the 7th of Decr 1870</i>	825.00		
<i>He is entitled to Dist as above</i>	<u>14.43½</u>	839.43½	
<i>Bal due Exr</i>		33.71	
<i>To L. W. Sheets &amp; wife</i>		805.72½	
<i>He paid them on the 7th of Decr 1870</i>	825.00		
<i>He is entitled to Dist as above</i>	<u>14.43½</u>	839.43½	
<i>Bal due Exr</i>		33.71	

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To Stephen Beaver 808.73½  
 Which is still due him March 23, 1871  
 All of which is respectfully submitted. A. H. Rhodes, Clerk

Joseph T. Arrendel married Mary Beaver circa 1868 probably in Henderson County. The next account was filed with the court on March 22, 1873, as follows:

To the worshipful County Court of Henderson Co. Tenn. I have this day proceeded to examine state & enter the account of Carroll Beaver Exr of the last will testament of Stephen Beaver Dec'd  
 And find him chargable as follows "to wit"  
 To Bal. due one of the legatees (Stephen Beaver) on the 22nd of March 1871 the sum of 805.72  
 To 2 years Int on same to 22 March 1873 96.68 902.38  
 By Cash paid taxes for 1871 & wit 9.49  
 " " " tuition 3.13  
 " " " Clerk fee 2.00  
 " his services to date 20.00 39.62  
 Bal. due Stephen Beaver 22 Mar. 1873 \$862.60  
 A. H. Rhodes, Clerk

On March 7, 1877, the last account was filed.

To the Worshipful James H. Fuller chairman & presiding Justice of Henderson County Tennessee  
 I have this day proceeded to examine state and settle the account of Carroll Beavers Executor of the last Will & Testament of Stephen Beavers Dec'd  
 I find him chargable to Stephen Beavers March 22, 1873 \$862.66  
 Interest 3 years 11½ months 204.88 \$1067.54  
 I find him entitled to Credit By cash paid Pearce for Tuition 3.00  
 " Interest 2 years & 2 Months .39  
 " cash paid Stephen Beavers per receipt presented Decr 1876 500.47  
 " Interest 3½ months 8.33  
 " his services 20.00  
 " cash paid Clerk for this settlement Order & 2.50  
 " " " for Issuing Notices .50  
 " " " Sheriff Wadly for serving notices .50 535.69  
 Amount Due Legatee March 7, 1877 \$531.85  
 This settlement was made in the presence of Carroll Beavers Executor and Stephen Beavers the Legatee on March 7, 1877. All of which is respectfully submitted.  
 A. H. Rhodes, Clerk By Wm F Brooks, DC

Just as soon as the young Stephen became an adult upon reaching the age of twenty-one, he was paid his legacy and his father's estate finally was settled. Soon thereafter, he married and removed to Texas to seek his fortune. The children of Stephen and Nancy ( ? ) Beaver were:

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100. i. Lucinda, born circa 1846 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
  101. ii. Mary S., born July 1848 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
  102. iii. Rebecca, born circa 1852 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
  103. iv. Stephen A., born February 1855 in Henderson County, Tennessee.

The widow Nancy probably accompanied her son Stephen to Texas. In 1880, she resided with him and his family in Johnson County. Nancy reported that she was 55 years old and a Tennessee native. She also reported that both of her parents were Mississippi natives.

### **Conclusion**

Stephen Beaver, in the years before his tragic and untimely death, was successful in amassing an estate substantial enough to support his widow and children for many years. Very little is known about his wife Nancy. Except for her approximate year of birth, nothing is known about her origin. She remained a widow for more than a decade and raised her children to become worthy and upstanding citizens. However, she disappears from the extant records after 1880. Perhaps she died soon thereafter and lies forgotten in an unmarked grave in Johnson County, Texas. Perhaps she remarried or moved away to start a new life. In any case, no further record of her has been found.

The foregoing article presents all of the public and private records that we have found concerning Stephen Beaver, his wife Nancy, and their family. The author regrets that he has never met any of his cousins from this particular branch of the Beaver family tree. We are indebted to the staff of many public and private institutions for their patience, cooperation, and assistance. Special mention is due the helpful staff at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Henderson County Courthouse, and the very kind ladies at the Mid-Continent Public Library, Dallas Public Library, and the Clayton Library in Houston. Also, many thanks are due to our cousins Orpha Jewel Weaver and Billy B. Lassiter who generously shared their research with us. Hopefully, others will step forward with new information as well as suggestions for further research.

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## Thomas Beaver, Texas Pioneer

Michael A. Ports\*

### Introduction

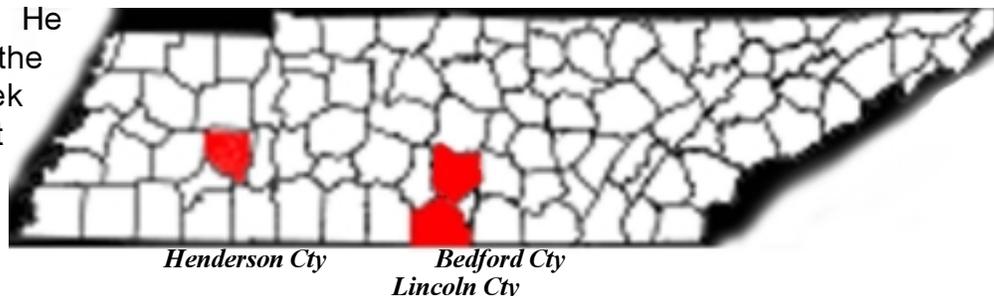
The following article is the seventh installment in the continuing series of articles concerning the children of Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver. The subject at hand is their son Thomas Beaver, his wife Elizabeth, and their children. The article presents all of the records that have been found concerning our subjects and attempts to place their lives in historical context. It is hoped that their descendants and other researchers will find their story interesting and informative. Of course, it also is hoped that readers will step forward with new information, comments, corrections, as well as suggestions for further research.

The story of Thomas Beaver and his family is one of struggle and survival. He grew to manhood in West Tennessee and learned the art of agriculture from his father while working on the family farm. When his family still was young, Thomas picked up and moved to Texas seeking a better life. He struggled to make his farm into a success, but died before he could turn his plans and dreams into reality. His widow continued his struggle, through the loss of three daughters from scarlet fever, through the bloody Civil War and the loss of a son on the battlefield, and through the difficult years of Reconstruction. Elizabeth continued to struggle for survival only to outlive all but two of her ten children. Out of ten children, only a single daughter lived to marry and have children whose progeny continue today.

### The Early Years in West Tennessee

**7. Thomas Beaver** was born circa 1807 in what was then Bedford County, Tennessee, the son of Stephen and Nancy

(White) Beaver. He grew up in the Mulberry Creek neighborhood that found itself part of the new Lincoln County in 1809. What formal



education that he received probably was garnered in the local public schools where he at least learned to read and write. It is presumed that he attended the local Baptist church with his parents, as his descendants continued that tradition in Texas. He was just 15 years old when his family moved to the West Tennessee frontier in the new Henderson County. No doubt, he learned the fundamentals of farming while helping his father, his older brothers, and their slaves in opening and establishing their new farm near Mifflin. It was there, apparently, that he met and married his wife Elizabeth.

Unfortunately, very little is known about Elizabeth because she is mentioned in so few surviving records. Her maiden name remains a mystery, probably because their marriage record was destroyed when the Henderson County Courthouse burned in 1863 and again in 1895. From later census schedules, it is evident that she was born circa 1809 or 1810 in Kentucky. It is presumed that they were married circa 1827 probably in Henderson County. Could Elizabeth be that mysterious and elusive link to Native American ancestry? Of course, that question remains unanswered only because so little is known about her origin and will remain

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unanswered unless and until new records are discovered. A careful search of the extant Henderson County census schedules provide no likely candidates for her parents. Just five persons comprised the Thomas Beaver household in 1830.

**Males**

One, under 5  
One, between 20 and 30

**Females**

One, between 10 and 15  
One, between 20 and 30

No doubt Thomas is the oldest male and his wife Elizabeth the lone female. In 1830, their oldest son Benjamin was just one year old. The identity of the young male between 10 and 15 years of age is unknown. He was too old to be a son, but may have been a nephew, other relation, apprentice, or boarder. Thomas owned one male slave, aged between 10 and 24 years old. Curiously, Thomas Beaver does not appear on either the 1836 or 1837 tax lists. One wonders how he was able to escape paying his taxes. Perhaps the extant tax lists are not complete. In 1840, Thomas was living next door to his brothers James and Carroll. Their brother-in-law Benjamin Leach lived nearby.

**Males**

Two, under 5  
One, between 5 and 10  
One, between 30 and 40

**Females**

Two, between 5 and 10  
One, between 10 and 15  
One, between 30 and 40

Naturally, it is presumed that the oldest male is Thomas Beaver and that the oldest female is his wife Elizabeth. The three young boys probably were their sons: Benjamin, Evan, and William. The three young girls probably were their daughters: Nancy, Sarah, and Mary. Three members of the Beaver household were engaged in agriculture, namely Thomas, his son Benjamin, and his male slave. His single male slave was between 10 and 24 years of age. Apparently, the unknown male who had been in their household at the last census had moved elsewhere.

### **Sojourn in Arkansas**

Based solely upon later census schedules, it is evident that Thomas moved his family to Arkansas circa 1841. Three of his brothers-in-law were there, but he does not appear on the local tax rolls with any of them. However, he probably was the Thomas Beaver who lived for a time in Sevier County, Arkansas. On October 13, 1843, Thomas Beavers sold a small parcel of land there to Guin L. Cocks and Hamilton Props for \$400. The small parcel contained just 4 acres of land, but included a mill. It was part of a larger 80-acre tract situated in Section 15, Township 9 South, Range 28 West. In 1845, Thomas Beavers was assessed for his poll tax, 75 acres of land valued at \$225, three horses valued at \$90, and seven cattle valued at \$88. That year, his real and personal property was valued at \$405. It is presumed that this land was what remained from his 80-acre tract after the sale of the mill site. On October 4, 1846, Thomas Beaver of Sevier County sold a parcel of land to P. R. Booker of Hempstead County for \$400. The parcel of three or four acres of land contained a mill and mill seat and was situated in the northwest corner of the 80-acre tract that he had purchased from Robert Gregory. It appears to have been the very same parcel of land that Thomas previously had sold to Guin Cocks and Hamilton Props. Perhaps the two men did not complete the sale or simply relinquished their title and claim to it. In any event, Eliza Beaver placed her mark on the deed to signify her release of her dower rights in the land. Unfortunately, neither Thomas Beaver nor Robert Gregory saw fit to record their deed of sale at the courthouse.

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On November 7, 1845, Thomas Beaver of Sevier County purchased a tract of land from the federal government. He paid \$50 at the Land Office in Washington, Arkansas for the 40-acre tract. The tract consisted of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 28 West. The land entry file contains his application, oath, and original signature dated October 27, 1846, receipt, and certificate. On December 21, 1846, Thomas Beaver sold a tract of land to Bazil Davis for \$400. The tract consisted of the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 9 South, Range 28 West and contained 78 acres. On the same day, Thomas sold his other tract of land to Bazil Davis for \$400. His other tract of 40 acres consisted of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 28 West. Thomas signed his name to both deeds. His wife Elizah, by placing her mark on both deeds, relinquished her dower rights. On July 10, 1848, the long process of obtaining official and clear title to his family homestead was completed when the federal government issued a patent for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 28 West. But by then, he already had sold that property to Bazil Davis.

### Moving to Texas

In 1847, Thomas Beaver brought his family to what was then Titus County, Texas. Because fire destroyed the county courthouse in September 1895, genealogical research is difficult in Titus County. Fortunately, however, Thomas Beaver settled in that portion of Titus County that became Morris County in 1875. The fathers of the new county, foresighted souls, transcribed copies of most, but not all, of the old land deeds in the new county record books. Moreover, much may be gleaned about Thomas and his family by carefully examining the extant tax rolls.

On May 31, 1847, soon after his arrival, Thomas Beaver purchased a 640-acre tract of land from John King for \$320. The tract, the original John King Headright, was located about six miles north of Cypress and about five miles west of Tramel's Trace. In 1847, Thomas paid his poll tax to the county. In addition, he was assessed for his new farm that was valued at \$320.

In addition to paying his poll and property taxes in 1848, Thomas was assessed for \$50 of miscellaneous personal property. He went into partnership with a man named George Polhamas. The exact nature of their partnership is not known. On March 24, 1848, the two partners purchased three lots in the town of Daingerfield from Allen Urquhart of Cass County for \$75. The three lots were identified as Lots 3, 6, and 7 in Block 30 and each fronted sixty feet on Frazier Street. All three lots were 120 feet deep.

In 1849, Thomas Beaver paid his poll tax. He also was assessed for 540 acres of land and two town lots in Daingerfield. Thus, it is apparent that he had sold a 100-acre portion of his farm the year before. Establishing his farmstead was not an easy task. The times were so difficult, in fact, that Thomas Beaver became indebted to Robert Hughes in the amount of \$100. Thus, Thomas satisfied his debt by conveying 100 acres of his farm to Robert Hughes on October 16, 1849. His smaller farm property was valued at \$400, thus hinting that he had made substantial improvements. It is curious that he was assessed for only two of his partnership's three town lots. Was Thomas a two-thirds partner? Other questions arise, such as: Did Thomas and his family live on his farm property? Were the town lots speculative investments? Did the partnership erect improvements on the lots or did they simply conduct some business on the property? What was the specific nature of their partnership? Was it successful in making money? When and under what circumstances did the two men dissolve their partnership?

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On January 7, 1850, Thomas Beaver purchased a town lot in Daingerfield from Allen Urquhart for \$25. Lot 7, Block 18 fronted sixty feet on King Street and was 120 feet deep. In 1850, Thomas paid his poll tax. He also paid taxes on his farm property and town lots. He continued to make improvements to his 545-acre farm property as it was valued at \$545. The two town lots were valued at \$50. In the census that year, Thomas Beaver is listed as a 42-year old farmer who was born in Tennessee. He valued his real estate at \$1,000, but that amount does not seem to be consistent with the property tax rolls. His wife is listed merely as Mrs. Beaver. She was forty years old and born in Kentucky. Living with them were their children Benjamin, Evan, Nancy, William, Sarah, Mary, Lucinda, Frances, and Susan. The six youngest children all had attended school that year. The oldest child Benjamin also had attended school. But, at 21 years of age, it is presumed that he had attended a local academy or college. Thomas Beaver owned no slaves. The family farm consisted of just 40 acres of improved land and 505 acres of unimproved land. The land and improvements were valued at \$1,500 and the farm implements at \$110. It is curious that Thomas valued his farm at \$1,500 on the agricultural schedule, yet valued his real estate at \$1,000 on the population schedule. Perhaps the census enumerator erred in recording the valuations. It also is curious that neither value agrees with the property tax rolls. The livestock consisted of two horses, two mules, five cows, two oxen, ten cattle, and thirty swine, all valued at \$500. The previous year, the farm produced four hundred bushels of corn, one hundred bushels of oats, seventy-five bushels of peas and beans, one hundred bushels of sweet potatoes, one hundred pounds of butter, \$25 worth of home manufactured goods, and \$150 worth of slaughtered products.

In 1851, his farm was valued at only \$500. His two town lots were valued at \$435. In addition, Thomas paid taxes on two horses valued at \$130. On January 20, 1852, Thomas Beaver sold a town lot to S. J. Ponns for \$62.50. The town lot, identified as Lot 7, Block 18, on the Daingerfield town plan, was the lot he had purchased from Alan Urquhart the previous year. The 1852 tax roll valued his farm at \$545, three horses at \$150, twenty cattle at \$100, and seventeen oxen at \$250.

On January 15, 1853, Allen Urquhart acknowledged his indebtedness to Thomas Beaver in the amount of \$240. To satisfy his debt, Allen Urquhart conveyed a 20-acre tract situated within the town of Daingerfield. The deed was witnessed by his sons Benjamin Beaver and Evan Beaver. The 1853 tax rolls indicate that Thomas owned two tracts of land; one was his 540-acre farm valued at \$1,000 and the other of 5 acres was valued at \$50. Thomas also paid taxes on his two town lots valued at \$50 and four horses valued at \$200.

Thomas Beaver is missing from the 1854 tax lists. However, the local tax assessor made an enumeration that year for school purposes of all the free white population in the county who were between the ages of six and sixteen years of age. Thomas Beaver reported just three daughters in that age category, namely M., S., and Frances. Just why daughter Lucinda was not listed is uncertain. On June 10, 1854, Thomas sold one town lot to William McCay for \$60. Lot 2 in Block 31 fronted on the public square in Daingerfield. While Thomas signed his name, it is curious that his wife Elizabeth did not sign the deed nor release her dower rights. It also is curious that no record has been located of Thomas ever purchasing that town lot. On September 11, 1854, Thos. Beaver sold three town lots to W. B. Willis for \$75. The town lots, identified as Lots 3, 6, and 7 in Block 30 were the same ones that he and his business partner

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had purchased in 1848. Curiously, the deed contains no mention of his former partner George Polhamas. Had Polhamas died or otherwise relinquished his interest in their town lots?

In 1855, Thomas paid taxes on his 530-acre farmstead valued at \$1,060, his 19-acre tract valued at \$19, and miscellaneous property valued at \$250. In 1856, Thomas paid taxes only on the 549 acres of land valued at \$2,745. The following year, his 500 acres of land was assessed at \$2,000 and two horses at \$175. Thomas Beaver disappears from the tax rolls thereafter. Thus, it is presumed that Thomas Beaver probably died sometime between the completion of the 1857 and 1858 tax rolls. Apparently, no probate was entered on his estate. Unfortunately, no further record of him has survived.

The children of Thomas and Elizabeth (--?--) Beaver were:

- + 50. i. Benjamin L., born circa 1829 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- + 51. ii. Evan T., born circa 1831 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- + 52. iii. Nancy A., born February 14, 1833 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- + 53. iv. William H., born circa 1835 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- + 54. v. Sarah, born circa 1837 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- + 55. vi. Mary E., born August 29, 1840 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- 56. vii. Lucinda, born circa 1842 in Sevier County, Arkansas. She died in March 1860.
- 57. viii. Frances, born circa 1843 in Sevier County, Arkansas. She died in March 1860.
- + 58. ix. Susan, born circa 1845 in Sevier County, Arkansas.
- 59. x. Martha, born circa 1852 in Titus County, Texas. She died in March 1860.

### **Widowhood**

The year 1860 was not a kind one for the widow Eliza Beaver and her family. On top of losing her husband, she lost three of her daughters, Lucinda, Frances, and Martha, who succumbed to scarlet fever during March. Lucinda only suffered for three days. But, both of her sisters suffered from the painful disease for twelve days. Among the thirty-five deaths recorded that year in Titus County, three others died from the dreaded scarlet fever - all children under five years of age. Such a loss must have been both tragic and difficult for the widow Elizabeth who appears in few other records. In 1860, she was living on the family farm near Daingerfield. In the census that year, she is listed as 50 years old and born in Kentucky. She apparently owned no real estate and placed no value on any personal property.

It is presumed that Elizabeth was politically sympathetic to the Confederacy. After all, she and her husband had been slave owners. Also, all of her sons and sons-in-law bore arms for the Confederacy. While her sons and sons-in-law were away from home in the Confederate Army, her name appears on the tax rolls. In 1863, Eliza paid taxes on 500 acres of land

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assessed at \$2,500. By then, the war had taken its toll on the local economy. Land values were depressed, the value of slaves had plummeted, and the scarcity of most ordinary household commodities had sky rocketed. In 1864, Eliza's 500 acres were valued at just \$1,500.

On November 3, 1866, the heirs sold the family farm property to R. Turner for \$1,500. The heirs included Eliza Beaver, E. T. Beaver, Mary E. Beaver, D. J. and Nancy A. Porter, and F. R. and Sarah Thomas. All of the heirs signed their names to the deed. The farm property consisted of two separate tracts of land. The first was the 640-acre tract that Thomas Beaver had purchased from John King in 1847, excepting the 100-acre portion out of the south end of the original tract previously sold to Robert Hughes and excepting the 60-acre portion of the northwest corner of the original tract previously sold to James H. Houston. The second adjoining tract was the 20-acre parcel that Thomas had obtained from Allen Urquhart in 1853. On September 10, 1873, in order to perfect the title to the 100-acre parcel that Thomas had sold to Robert Hughes in 1849, the surviving heirs signed their names to a new deed. The heirs included, Eliza Beaver, Mary E. Beaver, Nancy A. Porter, and D. J. Porter of Titus County, and Sarah Thomas and F. R. Thomas of Bowie County.

In 1870, Eliza Beaver was living with her son-in-law David Porter. She is listed in the census as 60 years old and born in Kentucky. In 1880, the 70-year-old Eliza still was living with her son-in-law. The census schedules indicate that both she and her parents were born in Kentucky. No further record of her has been found. It is presumed that Elizabeth passed away soon thereafter and that both she and her husband were buried at the Daingerfield cemetery, although no tombstone or other record of them there has been found. No probate was entered for her estate.

### **The Children**

**50. Benjamin L. Beaver** was born circa 1829 in Henderson County, Tennessee. It is tempting to conclude that he was named after his uncle Benjamin Leach, but absolutely no concrete evidence has been uncovered to support that supposition. He spent his early years in Tennessee, as he was about 12 years old when his family moved to Arkansas. He was about 18 years old when his father brought the family to Titus County, Texas. When Benjamin turned 21 years old, he became subject to the poll tax. He paid that tax in 1850, 1851, 1852, 1854, and 1855. According to the tax rolls, he owned no real estate and no taxable personal property in any of those years. His name does not appear on the 1853 tax rolls. In 1856, B. L. Beaver paid his poll tax for the last time. He also was assessed for an entire city block (No. 12) in the town of Daingerfield. No further record of Benjamin has been found. It is presumed that he died circa 1857, intestate, unmarried, and without issue. Although, it is possible that he simply moved away.

**51. Evan T. Beaver** was born circa 1831 in Henderson County, Tennessee. He was only about 11 years old when his family moved to Arkansas and about 16 years old when they moved to Texas. It is presumed that he attended the local public schools of his day. In most records, he appears only as E. T. Beaver. Perhaps, he also was called only by his initials. Evan avoided the poll tax until 1856. That year, he paid his poll tax and was assessed for a 10-acre tract of land, one horse, and fourteen cattle. But, in 1857, he paid taxes on only one horse valued at \$100 and miscellaneous property valued at \$28. Thus, it seems that he had sold that small tract of land in the interim. Unfortunately, no official record has been found of him either acquiring

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or disposing of that property. During that period it was not that unusual to forego the expense and trouble of recording deeds officially at the county courthouse. Only much later was legislation enacted outlawing such practice.

In 1858, E. T. Beavers paid taxes on one horse worth \$125 and four cattle worth \$28. He also is listed on the tax rolls as agent for Eliza Beavers. As the oldest surviving son, he acted as agent for his widowed mother. In that capacity, he paid taxes on 550 acres of land worth \$1,050 and three horses worth \$200. On August 24, 1858, E. T. Beaver sold a tract of land to James F. Houston for \$950. The 60-acre tract had been part of the original John King Headright and was located on the waters of Bruton's Creek. Again, no official record has been found of him acquiring that property from John King.

In 1859, Evan paid taxes on his deceased father's two tracts of land. The 500-acre tract was assessed at \$2,500 and the 13-acre tract at \$500. In addition, he paid taxes on three horses valued at \$300 and \$250 loaned at interest. In 1860, Evan paid taxes on the 500-acre tract worth \$2,500 and three horses worth \$300. E. T. Beaver, at 27 years of age, is listed as the head of household in the census that year. Because he was listed as 19 years old in 1850, it is presumed that he actually was 29 years old in 1860. He valued his real estate at \$2,500 and his personal property at \$1,500. The real estate actually had belonged to his father. Evan simply was acting as agent for the heirs. Living with him were his mother Elizabeth and siblings William, Nancy, and Mary. Also in the household was the 23-year-old Sol. S. Adams, who was working as a farm laborer. Evan did not own any slaves. The farm, valued at \$2,500, consisted of 75 acres of improved land and 425 acres of unimproved land. His farm implements were valued at \$150. His livestock, consisting of four horses, one mule, five cows, thirteen cattle, twenty-five sheep, and seventy-five swine, were valued at \$600. The previous year, the farm produced eight hundred bushels of corn, two bales of cotton, seventy-five pounds of wool, fifty bushels of peas and beans, fifty bushels of sweet potatoes, \$50 worth of orchard products, three hundred sixty-five pounds of butter, \$20 worth of home manufactured goods, and \$150 worth of slaughtered animals.

In 1861, Evan paid taxes on the 500-acre family farm worth \$2,500 and three horses worth \$300. In July 1861, E. T. Beavers served as a private in the *Daingerfield Grays*, a volunteer reserve company of infantry. The company commanded by Captain Jesse M. Cook was assigned to the 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade of Texas Militia. The following year, Evan paid taxes on 500 acres of land worth \$2,500, 13 acres of land worth \$300, and two horses worth \$200. On May 6, 1862, E. T. Beaver enlisted as a private in Captain L. M. Fargason's Company, Waterhouse's Regiment of Texas Volunteers at Daingerfield.

His company rendezvoused at Jefferson, Texas and was designated as Company G, 19th Texas Infantry and joined John G. Walker's Texas Division. It was the only division on either side throughout the war to draw all of its regiments from a single state. Nicknamed the *Greyhound Division*, it was the most formidable and stable infantry unit in the Trans-Mississippi Confederacy. It marched and fought as a unit from its organization until the closing weeks of the war. On June 12, 1862, Colonel Richard Waterhouse was ordered to march his regiment to Little Rock, Arkansas with as little delay as possible.

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At Little Rock, on September 28, 1862, his regiment was assigned to Colonel George Flournoy's Second Brigade. The regiment took part in more than nineteen engagements in both Louisiana and Arkansas. While at Little Rock, Evan was promoted to 5th Sergeant by November 1862. He again was promoted to 1st Sergeant by January 1863. During April 1863, the regiment took part in engagements at Fort Bisland, Bethel Place, Bayou Teche, Irish Bend, and Bayou Vermillion in western Louisiana. The company muster rolls indicate that by May, Evan had been promoted to Orderly Sergeant. The company muster roll for May and June 1862 indicates that E. T. Beaver was absent sick at Delhi. The following muster roll for July and August indicates that he was present and fit for duty. During the remainder of 1863, the regiment participated in engagements in western Louisiana at La Fourche Crossing, Opelousas and Barre Landing, Washington, Grand Coteau, Bayou Bourbeau, Carrion Crow Bayou, Buzzard's Prairie, and Camp Pratt. The company muster roll for September and October 1863 indicates that E. T. Beaver was absent on furlough for 35 days beginning October 9<sup>th</sup>. One presumes that Evan took advantage of his furlough to visit his mother and sisters at home.

On January 17, 1864, E. T. Beaver was promoted to Brevet 2nd Lieutenant by order of Gen. Scurry. During 1864, the regiment participated in operations against Bank's Red River Campaign, against Steele's Expedition from Little Rock to Camden, and near Morganza. In late April 1865, Lieutenant Beaver was present at Hempstead, Texas when the regiment was disbanded after hearing the news of Lee's and Johnston's surrenders. The war weary Lieutenant Beaver returned home that spring.

In 1866, the value of the family farm had decreased to just \$1,000. However, Evan and the other heirs were able to sell the property for \$1,500. Evan purchased another tract of land sometime in 1866. The following year, he paid taxes for a 157-acre tract valued at \$471, three horses valued at \$150, four cattle valued at \$20, and miscellaneous property valued at \$90. On August 5, 1867, E. T. Beaver registered with the occupying federal military authorities in order to vote. He stated that he had been a resident of Precinct 9, Titus County, Texas for 21 years.

Evan Beaver died sometime after registering to vote, but prior to the completion of the tax rolls in 1868. That year, Mrs. E. T. Beaver is listed on the tax rolls with 157 acres of land worth \$471, two horses worth \$100, miscellaneous property worth \$80. No further record of him or his wife has been found. It is presumed that he died intestate and without issue.

**52. Nancy A. Beaver** was born February 14, 1833 in Henderson County, Tennessee. Just thirteen years old when her parents brought her to Texas, it is presumed that she attended the local public schools in Arkansas and at Daingerfield. She was called Nannie and often appears that way in the records. She married David Jackson Porter at home in Daingerfield on August 23, 1865. Born circa 1814, David was considerably older than Nancy. However, for that period, Nancy at 32 years of age almost approached the status of old maid.

Not much is known about her husband. He was not in Titus County in 1860. But, he must have come to Texas soon thereafter, as he enlisted as a private in Company I, Whitfield's Legion Texas Cavalry at Daingerfield on March 10, 1862. His company was known as the *Titus Rangers*. The Legion was increased in size to a regiment in April and officially re-organized as the 27th Regiment Texas Cavalry on May 8th. The company muster roll dated March and April 1862, indicates that David was sent with dispatch to Gen. Hebert on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The

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regiment was dismounted and sent across the Mississippi. But David did not follow his regiment, because he was detailed to lead the horses back home. According to the extant company muster rolls, he was so detailed until October 1862 when he re-joined his regiment. David then was detailed as forage master for the brigade. He served his regiment in that capacity through May 21, 1863, when he was discharged on account of his age. At the time, David was about 49 years old. He was paid off at the rate of 25 cents per day at Columbia, Tennessee.

In her application for a pension based on her late husband's military service in the Confederate Army, Nancy stated that after his discharge, he "*Served under McGruder on the Texas coast until the close of the war.*" But, no record of that service has been located. However, it is evident that he returned to Daingerfield after the war. The tax rolls for 1865 are missing. D. J. Porter first appears on the tax rolls in 1866. In addition to his poll tax, he paid taxes on a 196-acre tract of land and three horses. The land, part of the original Benjamin Earp Headright, was valued at \$588 and the three horses at \$150.

In 1867, David paid his poll tax and was assessed for his farm valued at \$588, three horses worth \$195, seven cattle worth \$35, and miscellaneous property worth \$26. On October 28, 1868, D. J. and W. G. Porter purchased a tract of land from Z. R. Beasley. They paid eleven bales of cotton for the 200-acre tract located about five miles north of the Cypress on Bruton's Creek. No relationship between the two Porter men is given in the deed, but it is presumed that they were brothers, father and son, or otherwise related.

In 1870, David and his family were living on their farm near Daingerfield. The 56-year-old David Porter stated that he was a farmer and a native of Kentucky. His real estate was valued at \$800 and his personal property at \$400. His wife Nancy was keeping house. She reported that she was 37 years old and a native of Tennessee. Living with them were her mother Eliza Beaver and sister Mollie Beaver. The farm consisted of 30 acres of improved land and 70 acres of unimproved land. The farm was valued at \$800. Their livestock included two horses, three cows, five cattle, and fifteen swine and was valued at \$400. The farm produced one hundred fifty bushels of corn, one bale of cotton, and forty bushels of sweet potatoes. The entire annual farm production was valued at \$1,000.

In 1880, the couple still was living in the same place. David reported that he was 65 years old and a native of Kentucky. The farmer also reported that his father was a Virginian and his mother a North Carolinian. His wife Nancy was keeping house and reported that she was 47 years old and a native of Tennessee. She correctly reported that her mother was a Kentucky native, but erroneously reported that her father was a native Alabamian. Eliza Beaver, his mother-in-law, was living with them. The farm consisted of 30 tilled acres and 70 untilled acres and was valued at \$200. The farm implements were valued at \$10, the livestock was valued at \$198, and the total farm production was valued at \$290. David owned six cows, ten cattle, and eighteen swine. Sixty poultry produced fifty dozen eggs. The farm produced one hundred fifty bushels of corn on 15 acres, thirty bushels of oats on 3 acres, and four bales of cotton on 9 acres.

David J. Porter died February 4, 1881. It is presumed that he was buried in the Daingerfield Cemetery, although no tombstone there marks his grave. No probate was made on his estate.

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On October 7, 1882, Mrs. N. A. Porter and W. G. Porter agreed to divide the 200-acre tract that they owned in common. Mrs. Porter took the north half of the tract and W. G. Porter took the south half. Both signed the two deeds.

In 1900, the widow Nancy Porter was living in Precinct No. 1 of Daingerfield. She reported that she was born February 1833 and that she had never had any children. The Tennessee native again reported that her mother was a Kentucky native, but erroneously reported that her father was an Alabama native. She owned her home outright, free of any mortgage. Nancy is listed with no occupation. Her sister Mollie was living with her.

In 1910, Nannie A. Porter was living with her sister Mollie in Daingerfield. She reported that she was 77 years old and had never had any children. Again, Nannie erroneously reported that her father was a native of Alabama. She had no occupation, but supported herself through her own income. Apparently she had sold all of her real estate, as Mollie owned their house.

On January 9, 1912, the elderly widow Nancy Porter died from paralysis of the heart at her residence in Daingerfield. Her death certificate indicates that she was 78 years old and was buried at the Daingerfield Cemetery. Her tombstone indicates that Mrs. Nannie A. Porter was born February 14, 1833 and died January 10, 1912. No probate was filed on her estate.

**53. William H. Beaver** was born circa 1835 in Henderson County, Tennessee. He was just six years old when his family moved to Arkansas. Thus, it is presumed that he first attended the local schools there in Arkansas. His family brought him to Titus County, Texas when the young lad was just eleven. He probably completed his formal education in the local schools in Daingerfield. William almost was 22 years old, when he first appears on the property tax rolls in 1857. He paid his poll tax in 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, and 1861. He owned no real estate and was not assessed for any other personal property.

William was a patriotic young man. His name together with that of his brother Evan appears on the muster roll of Captain Jesse M. Cook's *Daingerfield Grays* dated July 1861. Young Private William H. Beaver was a drummer in the volunteer reserve company that was attached to the 8th Brigade of Texas Militia. But, our patriotic young drummer did not stay in the local militia for long. On October 5, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Captain James H. McReynolds' Company of Maxey's Regiment of Texas Infantry. The company was mustered into Confederate service on December 1, 1861, for twelve months service, at Camp Rusk in Lamar County. Nicknamed by the men as the *Sherman Guards*, the company officially was designated as Company D, Ninth Texas Infantry. While at Camp Rusk, measles broke out and raged furiously among the rank and file for about a month. The regiment took up the march to Memphis, Tennessee under the command of Colonel Samuel B. Maxey on January 1, 1862.

On the march from Memphis to Iuka, Mississippi, Colonel Maxey went to Richmond where he was promoted to Brigadier General. Major W. A. Stanley was elected Colonel to command the regiment. The regiment then was assigned to Brigadier General Patton's brigade in the Army of Mississippi, with whom it fought in the Battle of Shiloh. Out of 226 men that went into battle, 67 were either killed, wounded, or missing. In May 1862, the regiment was re-organized in conformance with new army regulations. William H. Young was elected Colonel. In October, the regiment participated in the engagement at Perryville. Later, the regiment was assigned

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to Colonel A. J. Vaughn's brigade of the Army of Tennessee and took a conspicuous part in the Stone's River Campaign that winter.

On the eve of battle, Vaughn's Brigade was posted to the right of the Franklin Road just north of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The fighting began early on the morning of December 31. For a time, the Ninth Texas was held in reserve with the remaining elements of the brigade. After the first Confederate assaults proved ineffective, Vaughn's Brigade was ordered forward. The Ninth Texas, on the extreme left, became separated from the rest of the brigade. Young ordered his men forward to attack the enemy unaware that the Texans had wedged themselves between two different enemy regiments. A few days after the battle, Colonel Young wrote the following.

*"Here, while endeavoring to get them to hear my command 'forward,' my horse was shot as well as that of the lieutenant-colonel, and for five minutes the regiment received a most murderous fire, which killed and wounded more than 100 of my men, including nearly all of the commissioned officers. Seeing that we were suffering from a cross-fire, I resolved to charge and rout the enemy from his position. Passing down the line, I notified each company of my intention, and then, taking the colors, I ordered the regiment to move forward with a shout, both of which they did a la Texas. Charging with a yell through the cedar brake in our front, the enemy fled at our approach. Having halted at the position formerly occupied by the enemy, we poured a fire into them as they retreated (with great loss) through the open woods..."*

Among the casualties that bitter and dreary day was Private William H. Beaver. Severely wounded, he could not keep up with his regiment and was captured by the dreaded Yankee horde. The specific nature of his gunshot wound was not recorded. Little is known about his confinement while in enemy hands. It can only be assumed that the wounded Texan suffered gravely from the injuries of war, the severe winter weather, and the uncertainty of seeing his mother and siblings again. The young soldier died January 21, 1863 at Murfreesboro. Unfortunately, the location of his grave has not been found.

**54. Sarah Beaver** was born circa 1837 in Henderson County, Tennessee. She was just nine years old when her family brought her to Titus County, Texas. It is presumed that she attended the local schools there. Sarah met and married a young man from Georgia who only recently had come to Texas to seek his fortune. Based upon the ages of their children, it is estimated that Sarah married Franklin Robert Thomas circa 1856 probably in Titus County. No official record of their marriage has been found there or in any surrounding county. Born November 1, 1834, Franklin was the son of Robert and Mariah (Harrell) Thomas of Thomaston in Upson County, Georgia. Sarah's story and that of her colorful husband is treated extensively in the forthcoming article titled *Franklin Robert Thomas, Unreconstructed Texas Confederate*.

**55. Mary E. Beaver** was born August 29, 1840 in Henderson County, Tennessee. She was just two years old when her parents moved to Arkansas and six years old when they moved to Texas. Mary often appears in various records as Mollie. She never married. In 1870, Mollie and her mother were living in the home of her brother-in-law David Porter. She erroneously is listed as just 19 years old with no occupation. She owned real estate worth \$250.

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On September 20, 1870, Mary sold a parcel of land to J. N. Zachery for \$250 in gold. The parcel consisted of the east half of Block No. 3 as shown on the plan of the town of Daingerfield. It is curious that no record has been found documenting her acquiring that property. It also is curious that she apparently never paid any taxes on her property. Perhaps she purchased the property shortly before she sold it and simply never bothered to record the deed officially. In 1880, Mollie boarded with another family in Daingerfield. Unfortunately, because the census schedule is torn, the name of the family with whom she boarded is incomplete. Mollie admitted to being only 35 years old. To support herself, she was teaching school. Mollie taught at the Jefferson District (Methodist) High School for many years.

In 1900, Mollie Beaver was living with her widowed sister, Nancy, in Daingerfield. She claimed that she was born in August 1846. But, that probably is not correct. More likely, Mollie shaved about six years from her age. She also claimed erroneously that her father was born in Alabama and correctly that her mother was a Kentucky native. Mollie was single and teaching school.

In 1910, Mollie still was living in Daingerfield. At 71 years of age, she had retired from teaching and had her own income. Also, she owned her own home free of any mortgage. Again, unfortunately, no record has been found of her either acquiring or disposing of that property. She claimed erroneously that her father was born in Alabama, but correctly claimed that her mother was a native of Kentucky.

One older resident stated that *“As well as I remember Miss Mollie died about 1920 after having operated a private school after the closure of the Methodist School in 1903. She was buried in the Womack plot of the Daingerfield cemetery (she having taught the Womack children).”*

According to her tombstone in the Daingerfield Cemetery, Miss Mollie E. Beaver was born August 29, 1846 and died March 12, 1919. It is presumed that the day and month of her birth is correct. But, the year probably is incorrect. In the 1850 Census, she is listed as ten years old. In 1860, she is listed as 20 years old. Thus, it is concluded that she was born August 29, 1840. Only in later records, does Mollie claim a younger age. Yet, in 1910, she admitted to being 71 years old, further supporting that she was born circa 1840.

**58. Susan Beaver** was born circa 1845 in Arkansas. Unfortunately, very little is known for certain about her because she is mentioned explicitly in only two official records. Susan first appears in the 1850 Census as a 5-year-old native of Arkansas. She next appears in the local school census in 1854-55. From the two meager records of her, it only can be concluded that she attended the local schools. Because she does not appear in the 1860 Census and did not join her siblings in selling her deceased father's real estate, it is presumed that Susan died sometime between 1855 and 1860. Susan probably was buried in the Daingerfield cemetery, although no tombstone there marks her final resting place.

## Conclusion

As previously noted, the story of Thomas Beaver and his family is one of continuous struggle to nurture and provide for his family. He joined the rush of pioneers to Texas in the years

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immediately following statehood. Thomas established a substantial farm from the raw uncultivated lands near Daingerfield. After his untimely death circa 1857, his widow and children continued farming. Not until after the Civil War did they sell the family farm and move into town. He and his family contributed to the settlement of Morris County and the growth and prosperity of Daingerfield. Thomas and Elizabeth were the proud parents of no less than ten children, three sons and seven daughters. Four of their daughters died young. Two of their sons died as young men and, as far as can be determined, unmarried, intestate, and without issue. One son married, but apparently died without siring any children. Of the remaining three daughters, two of them survived long enough to outlive their mother, but neither had any children. Out of their ten children, only one daughter survived long enough to marry and have children.

The foregoing article presents all of the public and private records that have been found concerning Thomas Beaver, his wife Elizabeth, and their children. We are indebted to the staff of many public and private institutions for their patience, cooperation, and assistance. Special mention is due the helpful staff at the National Archives and Records Administration, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Arkansas History Commission, Texas State Library, Sevier County Courthouse, Morris County Courthouse, and the very kind and helpful ladies at the Dallas Public Library, the Clayton Library in Houston, and the Mid-Continent Public Library. Hopefully, others will step forward with new information as well as suggestions for further research.

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## News from The Christian Endeavor Evangel, Memphis

*A weekly bulletin and newsletter published by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Linden Street Christian Church, The Christian Endeavor Evangel also included news from the Mississippi Avenue Christian Church and the Third Christian Church. Fifteen volumes of the Evangel, dating from 1903 to 1917, are available on microfilm in the Tennessee State Archives thanks to A. Owen Guy, Associate Pastor at Lindenwood Christian Church in Memphis.*

*Some items from these early years (continued from Vol. 53 #1, #2 and #4):*

October 9, 1904 - from Locals column "If the Evangel says it's so, it's so"

*Linden Street*

**Grover Conley** has entered Kentucky University for the winter. He has many friends at Linden Street who were very sorry not to have him return to Memphis.

**Miss Pauline Cathey** of Union City is with **Mrs. T.M. Cathey**, 1056 Lamar boulevard.

**Mr. and Mrs. Battle Brown** entertained the choir with an informal musicale on Tuesday night last.

*Miss. Ave. Church*

**Bro. and Mrs. Riddell** spent last week in Nashville attending the State Convention. **Mrs. Riddell** went as a special delegate from the C.W.B.M. Auxiliary

**Mr. James A. Moss** and family have moved into their new home at "Evergreen."

*Third Church*

**Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Heinn** of Ohio united with the church last Sunday. They are located at 135 N. Fifth street.

The music at the services last Sunday evening was unusually attractive. There were two special numbers. One was a duet by **Mrs. Victor Smith** and **Mr. Cappa**, and the other was a trio, entitled "Thy Sins Be as Scarlet," which was sung by **Messrs. Shroyer, Norvell** and **Capra**.

October 16, 1904

*Linden Street*

**Miss Effie M. Key** and family have moved to their new home in the Annesdale Park subdivision.

**Maj. T.D. Flippin**, of Corinth, Miss., but one of the former active members of Linden Street, was a visitor at the services last Sunday morning.

**Mrs. Hiram Partee** and **Miss Etta** left for St. Louis last week. Fair and also the National Convention of the Christian Church.

The list of those who are attending our great National Convention in St. Louis today is as follows: **Bro. and Sister Sheffer** and son **Lynn**; **Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Edmonds**, **Mr. Stovall**, **Mrs. J.J. Megel**, **Mr and Mrs. R.L. Brown**, **Miss Lena Harsh**, **Mr. and Mrs. Barclay** and daughter **May**, **Mrs. B.D. Bartholomew**, **Miss Rial Thomas**, **Mrs. Annie Stahl**, **Mr. Oakley Gale**, **Dr. W.B. Burns**, **Gen. W.J. Smith**, **Mrs. Kate M. Hainer**, and **Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Brown**.

*Miss. Ave. Church*

**Bro. and Mrs. Riddell**, **Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace**, **Mr. and Mrs. Wooten**, **Mrs. S.S. Park**, **Bro. and Miss Grace Toof** are in St. Louis attending the General Convention.

**Capt. H.B. Hilliard**, of Corinth, Miss, formerly a well-know resident of Memphis, is visiting the

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home of **Judge John T. Moss**.

*Third Church*

**Mrs. Ikard** will leave tomorrow to join **Miss Scheibler** at St. Louis.

**Miss Daisy Hartley** and **Miss Mabel Carpenter** left Thursday for St. Louis to attend the Convention.

**Mr. Hartley** and **Mr. Henry Caruthers** leave tonight for the Convention.



October 30, 1904

*Linden Street*

**Mrs. Mydelle and Camille Edmonds** have returned from a visit to Missouri.

Two very pretty and interesting features of the Endeavor meeting last Sunday were the solo by **Mr. Osville Finnie** and the reading of the 'Chambered Nautilus' by **Miss Pearl Hughes**.

*Miss. Ave. Church*

**Bro. Riddell's** brother, **J. Clyde Riddell**, and sister, **Mrs. George E. Earl**, returned with him from the convention at St. Louis and made a visit of several days last week.

November 6, 1904

*Linden Street*

We are pleased to learn that **Bro. Tom Gale** is enjoying very good health. He is spending the fall at Battle Creek, Mich.

**Miss Birdie Chamberlin** has returned home and will have charge of our church organ. **Miss Chamberlin** was forced to give up the organ some time ago on account of ill health, but she is again able to resume her work. We trust her good health will continue.

*Miss. Avenue*

Last Sunday evening the services were especially impressive. The sermon was directed particularly to men and **Mr. Cappa** sang us a solo, "Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" The audience was large and very attentive throughout the entire evening. At the close of the service **Miss Goldie Colvin** made the good confession.

November 13, 1904

*Linden Street*

**Mrs. Ruth Tildesley** was quite ill last week, but is much improved now. She is greatly missed from church services.

Did you notice that **Mr. Oakley Gale** has been looking extremely happy lately. Wonder why?

**Mrs. Amelia Wyant** gave her friends a very pleasant surprise by returning home very unexpectedly last Monday evening.

November 20, 1904

*Linden Street*

**Miss Marie Stapleton** favored the Endeavor Society with a beautiful solo last Sunday evening. Four new members were added to the church last Sunday evening: **Mr. Geo B. Dowden** and **Miss**

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**Lola Jamison** by confession and **Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Smith** by letter. The latter are from Indianapolis, Ind., and are located at No. 20 Murray ave.

**Bro. Judge Moss** preached two fine sermons last Sunday to large audiences.

**Misses Elizabeth and Virginia Moss** left last Tuesday for St. Louis. They will be gone about two weeks, visiting relatives and attending the Fair.

November 27, 1904

*Linden Street*

The choir was delightfully entertained last Tuesday evening by **Miss Nellie Lunn** at her home on Adams Street. The guests exercised their musical knowledge deciphering a typewritten story, ingeniously originated by the hostess, with blanks here and there to be filled with musical terms. **Mrs. Tindall** won the prize, a beautiful bronze bust of Mozart. **Miss Clara Finne** won the booby prize. The hostess was voted a most charming entertainer and the happy gathering departed at a late hour.

December 11, 1904

*Linden Street Church*

The Christmas entertainment this year will be by far the best ever held at the Linden Street Church. A special cantata is being prepared, including such capable people as **Miss Myrtle Kennedy, Mrs. Blankenship, Mr. Osvile Finne, Dr. Farris, Mr. Glass, Mr. Strobhar** and, in fact, many others. Get ready for a good time. Santa Claus is coming.

The officers and teachers of the Bible School held a meeting at the home of **Mrs. B.J. Campbell** last Tuesday evening.

On next Tuesday evening will be held the regular monthly business meeting and social of the Endeavor Society. The **Misses Hughes** will furnish the social features, assisted by **Mr. Harry Cook** on the harp.

December 18, 1904

*Linden St. Church*

**Miss Helen Adams** was a very welcome visitor at our church services last Sunday. She was visiting her sister, **Mrs. Walter L. Gray**, and was accompanied by her little niece, **Mrs. Waite's** daughter.

*Third Church*

The marriage of **Miss Minnie E. Stephens** and **Thomas D. Shroyer** was quietly solemnized last evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother, **Mrs. Mary J. Stephens**, 1001 Thomas avenue. The **Rev. W.H. Sheffer**, of the Linden Street Christian Church, was the officiating minister. They were the recipients of a large number of presents. After December 15 **Mr. and Mrs. Shroyer** will be at home at 1005 Thomas avenue.

December 25, 1904

*Linden St. Church*

**Mr. and Mrs. J.W.C. Wright** and family of New Orleans spent last week in our city, visiting their sister, **Mrs. J.H. Smith**. **Mr. Wright** was formerly a member of Linden Street.

*Miss. Ave.*

**Mrs. Ashby** and son, of Louisville, KY, are spending the Christmas holidays with **Mrs. Middleton** on Fifth street.

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January 1, 1905

*Linden St. – under Department News*

Thursday preceding Christmas a rare treat in the form of an entertainment and Christmas tree was given the members of the Linden Street Sunday School and Church. This was a cantata, "Santa's Prerogative," and was under the direction of **Mrs. B.M. Brown**, assisted by **Miss Olyve Jackson** and **Misses Pearl and Ruby Hughes**. The whole affair was more elaborate than any previous attempt.

The cast was as follows: Alice – **Mrs. Myrtle Kennedy**; Maud – **Mrs. Geo. Blankenship**; Harry – **Mr. Harris L. Browne**; Jack – **Mr. A.D. Strobhar**; Don Dooit – **Mr. Osville Finne**; Philly Pene – **Dr. H.L. Farris**; Dennis - **Mr. L.E. Glass**; [and] Santa.

The choruses, given by the various classes of the school, represented different countries [including the Philippines, Switzerland, Spain and Germany]. [After trimming the tree} Santa asked all the boys and girls to come forward and they were each given a box of candy, as is the custom at this blessed Christmas time...

*Linden St. – under Locals*

Last Wednesday evening, at the home of the bride-s father in Corinth, Miss., **Mr. Fred Storey** and **Miss Jennie Flippin** were united in marriage. We wish them much happiness.

**Mr. Stewart Lay** and **Miss Sophia Steele** were united in marriage Wednesday evening, December 21. We wish them much happiness.

January 22, 1905

*Miss. Ave. – under Department News*

The report given by the Builders at the New Year service of the Miss. Ave. Church attracted attention and comment; but not until last Friday evening did this association hold open session and give the public an insight into its aims and also wonderful attainments.

**Miss Grace Toof**, as president, occupied the chair. The secretary, **Mrs. H.L. Cook**, and the treasurer, **Miss Victoria Wallace**, read full and encouraging reports. **Bro. Riddell** spoke briefly of the object of the Builders' organization. The program that followed was delightful. There was a beautifully rendered quartet by **Messrs. Albert and Hartwell Moss, Samuels and Richmond**. **Mr. H.L. Cook** gave one of his humorous readings, which was followed by a vocal solo by **Miss Grace Parke**...**Mrs. Lelia Morgan Murrell** read in a thoroughly charming manner an original paper of great literary merit on "Anecdotes of Women of the Revolution"...

*Linden St. Church*

There was much rejoicing in our congregation when **Senator E.W. Carmack** took membership with us several Sundays ago.

*Miss. Ave. Church*

The sudden death of **Capt. H.D. Hilliard**, the father of **Mrs. John T. Moss**, was quite a shock, and the entire congregation extends since[re] sympathy.

February 19, 1905

*Linden St. Church*

The Daughters of Linden entertained their friends last week with a valentine party at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Brown**. A most excellent program was given, and a heart for everyone.

Despite the cold weather of last Sunday, **Miss Zula Robertson**, as leader, had a most excellent Endeavor meeting.

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February 26, 1905

*Linden St. Church*

**Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Bates** will leave Tuesday for Port Myers, Florida, where they intend joining **Mr. Robert Galloway** for a fishing trip on the yacht "Daisy." They will probably be gone about two weeks.

**Gen. Smith** and niece, **Mrs. Hainer**, returned to Knoxville last week. We hope the trip will prove beneficial for the General.

*Third Church*

At the residence of **Mrs. M.E. Burton**, 239 Bickford avenue, **Miss Mary Fisher** and **David Moore**, of Chattanooga, were united in marriage last Sunday afternoon, **Bro. Gorsuch** performing the ceremony. **Mr. and Mrs. Moore** will make Chattanooga their home, as **Mr. Moore** is connected with a prominent hardware firm of that city.

March 5, 1905

*Linden St. Church*

Spring fever is the next disease on the program, then spring hats.

There were three additions to the Church last Sunday morning – **Prof. C.L. Baker**, of the Nelson's Business College, by confession, and his wife by letter, and **Mrs. J.B. Hackney** by letter. **Mrs. Hackney's** address is 216 Washington and **Prof. and Mrs. Baker's** is 1772 Peabody avenue.

March 12, 1905

*Miss. Ave. Church*

Our hearts were saddened last week by three deaths in families of our congregation – **Mr. Ed Barr**, **Mr. Lawrence Hall** and **Mr. O.F. Volkman**. We extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved ones.

**Mrs. Elizabeth D. Tompkins** and **Mr. F.S. Van Wickel** were quietly married at the bride's home last Sunday afternoon. They will make their future home in Mississippi

March 26, 1905

*Linden St. Church*

**Dr. W.C. Griswold** and wife, former residents of Memphis and active members of Linden Street for a number of years, were welcomed visitors at church services on last Sunday. They are guests of **Gen. W.J. Smith** and niece, **Mrs. Kate Hainer** at their home, No. 172 Linden street. They have been spending the winter in Cuba and are en route to their home at Princeton, Ill.

We are happy to see **Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Francis** at church again after quite a long absence.

*Miss. Ave. Church*

Last Sunday afternoon **Mrs. Will Hogan** reorganized the Juniors with the assistance of **Miss Daisy Anthony**. The outlook for the Junior Work is bright and encouraging.

Two of our young lady members were on the sick list last week – **Misses May Burton** and **Nannie Norvell**. We hope to see them out again soon.

Issues of *The Christian Endeavor Evangel* through December 22, 1917 are available on microfilm at the History Department (fourth floor) of the Memphis Public Library and Information Center, 3030 Poplar Avenue, if you wish to continue reading of the comings and goings of Memphians who attended Linden Street, Mississippi Avenue and Third Christian Church in the early years of the twentieth century.

# ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE 1837 TAX LISTS

*continued from Vol. 54 #2, #3*

*copied from microfilms by A.C. Tatum; asterisk indicates one poll*

District No. 10	acreage		
		Hankins, Joseph*	
		Hurst, Absolum*	
Ambers, David*	80	Hicks, Absolum*	350
Breeden, William*	500	Hackler, John*	
Breeden, William*	128	Hodge, William A.*	
Breeden, John*		Jones, Vincent*	
Byrd, William*	160	Jones, William*	
Barnard, Johathan*	720	Jones, William*	160
Beverly, William*		Jaquiss, John*	
Byrd, Jo and Thos. Brown	320	Jaquiss, Gabril*	
Barnard, Jno.H.*		Jolly, Dudley*	230
Byrd, Joseph	27 ½	Jolly, John*	150
Barnard, Samuel*	500	Johnston, Trlton*	130
Clower, Jacob*	150	Jolly, James*	394
Cox, John*	256	Jones, Wiley*	
Cox, Allen*	77 ½	Kincade, James M.*	
Crabtree, Job*	131	Matheny, John A.*	
Cox, Nancy	243	Middleton, Vincent*	
Cox, Samuel*		McDuffee, Edward	160
Comine, Cornelius*	120	McDuffee, Anguish	160
Cade, John	240	Massey, James*	
Dalton, James*		McDuffee, Malcom*	
Daniel, Thomas*	220	Martin, Samuel	1550
Deatherage, William*		Morrison, John	160
DeLozier, George	320	McCollum, Malcom	350
DeLozier, Gilford*		Matheny, Samuel*	220
Deatherage, Abner*	160	McPherson, Barton	340
Donelson, James*		Montgomery, John	160
Deatherage, Margaret	500	Murphey, Benjamin*	360
Deatherage, Philmon	480	Martin, William*	120
Deatherage, Andrew J.*		Matheny, Elijah	296
Deatherage, Hardin*		McPherson, Elijah*	
Durham, John	160	Parmley, John	320
English, Andrew*		Parmley, Stephen*	
Edgman, Thomas	320	Purcy, Samuel*	360
Fuller, George	240	Purcy, Thomas*	
Fuller, Joshua*		Roberts, Littleberry	160
Grimsley, Joseph*		Row, Solomon*	
Hackler, Jacob*		Sellers, James*	
Howes, Ann	150	Sellers, William*	
Hall, William*		Sellers, Micah	4000
Holland, Wright*		Stewart, George*	
Hankins, James*	200	Snow, Benjamin*	

Woolsey, Margt	197	Hornsby, William	480
Webb, Cuthbert	100	Henderson, William*	
Webb, Allen*		Hutson, William*	
Yandle, James Sr.*	220	Hicks, Harrison*	
Yandle, Willis M.*	350	Israel, Benjamin*	
Yandle, James Jr.*		Johnston, James*	
		Jackson, John*	275
<b>District No. 11</b>	<b>acreage</b>	Johnston, Joseph*	
		Johnston, Edward*	
Abart, Burris*		Jeames, Henry	
Allen, Matthew*		Johnston, Samuel**	2774
Bedsall, George*	320	Jones, Calvin*	
Burns, James*		Leffew, Plesant A.*	
Brown, John	20	Lea, James L.*	
Bridges, Ephraim	160	Lilburn, Andrew*	
Blair, John*		McCarroll, Hiram*	
Blair, Thomas*		McKamy, William C.	264 ½
Burns, Laird	250	Martin, William*	
Barnard, John C.*	160	Mans, Sarah	160
Brown, John for U.		Magers, Thomas*	
Allison's heirs	2104	Maticks, George*	
Burnet, Jefferson*		McCarroll, William*	
Casey, John	642	Mitchell, George*	
Casey, Levi*	360	McDuffee, Daniel*	240
Clark, Charles L.*		Moss, Joseph*	425
Carroll, William*		Mason, Daniel	255
Cox, Nancy	40	Martin, Samuel	337
Davis, Lewis*		Magers, Abner	80
Derosset, John*		Magers, William*	
Dobson, Silas*		Norwood, Thomas	20
Dobson, John*		Orur, Calvin*	
Ellison, James*	172	Perry, Peter*	
Eaton, John*		Perry, Silas*	
Eli, Charles A.	320	Perry, Richard*	
Earle, Archibald*	85	Price, John F.	190
Ellis, Francis	160	Price, Spire*	
Ewing, Jacob*	100	Pritchett, John*	
Ewing, Arthur*	371	Qualls, Cannon*	
Ellis, Caleb*	382	Rutherford, Edward*	
Ellis, Charles*	200	Rowden, Elijah*	
Fullington, John*		Rowden, Hamadatha*	
Holland, Wright*		Rucker, James*	
Hackler, Thomas*		Rowden, Mashack*	594
Hamby, James*	654	Short, Willis*	520
Harkins, Thomas	234	Shields, John*	165
Hembree, Isaac L.*	880	Smith, Thomas	532

Smith, Richard*		Cates, Benjamin*	
Sutherland, John	159	Cravens, Robert	2500
Smith, William*		Clark, John M.*	
Stegall, Richard*		Campbell, John W.	1400
Sharp, James H.*		Day, Samuel*	200
Stacy, Levi P.*		Day, William	560
Stacy, Coleman G.*		Dotson, Samuel*	
Thomson, George W.	80	Dickey, Anthony*	
Turner, Nathaniel*		Dickey, John R.*	
Turner, John*	160	Doughty, John *	100
Turner, Denney*	160	Devol, Ceasar*	
Turner, Nathan	387 ½	Dyke, Jacob*	
Utley, William*	8	Estill, Saml	
Williams, William*		Ellis, Francis	170
Wintin, John	560	Ellis, Caleb	300
Watson, John L.*		Edmondson, Samuel*	
White, Eber E.*		Fleener, Henry*	50
Wester, William*	254	Foust, John*	
Winten, Stephen	248	Foust, William P.*	
Wtts, John*		Fletcher, Burgess*	
Wintin, James	235	Gordon, George	400
Wester, Daniel*	415	Griffine, William*	
Wester, George W.*		Grigsby, Samuel*	
Weese, William*		Haley, Allen*	437 ½
Wester, John	202	Hinds, Joseph*	85
Yandle, William	200	Hinds, Asa L.*	
Yandle, John*		Hankins, Ruth*	200
Yandle, Henry J.*		Haley, John C.	650
		Hinds, John	490
<b>District No. 12</b>	<b>acreage</b>	Hinds, Sylvanus	167
Able, John*		Hays, John*	
Acre, John*		Hinds, James*	
Auulden, Rial*		Hinds, John Jr.*	
Breedlove, Spencer*		Hames, Hardy*	
Barnet, John*		Jackson, John*	500
Basket, John*		Jackson, Josiah*	
Breeding, Evan*		Jones, Calvin*	
Basket, Sarah*	150	Jones, Richard*	100
Brown, Robert A.	700	Jones, Henry	
Breedlove, Alfred A.		Kindrick, Samuel*	192
Brown, John	1700	Kindrick, John	200
Bacon, Josiah J.*	130	Kindrick, Henry*	
Bailey, Robert C.*	170	Kindrick, Samuel Jr.*	
Brown and Truit	300	King, Charles L.*	100
Burk, Robert	1000	Kimbrough, Joseph*	2440
Brown, Eskridge and Brown	40	Long, Joel*	150

Looney, Joseph	200	Spraggens, William*	
Lenoir, Albert S.	484	Smith, John Y.	400
Lenoir, William H.	15,000	Spraggins, Mary	420
McPherson, James	900	Tindle, Samuel*	
McAnlly, Charles	100	Treadaway, Edmund*	
Mason, John		Tucker, Marion*	
McDaniel, John		Underwood, Jno.	44 ½
Mainard, Reuben*		Winten, John	600
Matlock, Isaac*		Winten, William	200
Matlock, John*		Williams, John*	
Matlock, James*		White, Charles*	600
McPherson, Daniel*	100	Winten, James*	700
McChristian, David*		White, John*	
Majors, William*		White, Benjamin*	110
Montgomery, William*		White, John, Sr.	100
Montgomery, John	80	Winten, James C.*	
McNair, Daniel	400	Willett, Elizabeth	760
McPherson, Mary	361 ½	Willett, James*	200
McNair, Arm		Wiette, John*	
Moor, Joshua*	150		
Millican, Moses S.*	100	<b>District No. 13</b>	<b>acreage</b>
Martin, James*		Acired, Cornelius*	
McElwin, Jos. Heirs of	500	Asher, David, Sr.	100
Montgomery, Alexander*		Asher, David, Jr.*	
McCampbell, John, Heirs of	300	Butter, Gideon*	
McAnally, William*		Brown, Henry	200
Nancy, Claibourn L.*	450	Blackwell, George*	300
Newport, Asa*	100	Boyd, Hugh G.*	212
Poors, Isaac T.	10, 150	Bower, William Jr.*	100
Peters, John*	115	Bower, William Sr.	100
Pritchett, Edward*		Bryant, George W.*	
Perkins, Elijah*		Bower, James*	100
Powell, Rhods*		Blevins, Rial*	
Palston, Absalum*		Black, Hambright	205
Ramsey, Henry*		Brown, Thomas A.	600
Ramsey, John*		Crow, Alexander*	50
Roberson, Lewis*		Crow, Abel, Heirs of	130
Rhea, Francis*		Cofer, Jonathan*	248
Rector, London*		Crumlis, James	200
Rector, Carlisle H.*		Coulter, Henry*	
Ramsours, Henry*		Cooper, Katharin	1
Stewart, John*		Cloud, Reubin*	
Stanly, Spradly*		Dugger, John	100
Stewart, David*		Darrel, Martin	300
Swan, Thomas B.*		Durrett, Willis	150
Shields, Benjamin	100		

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## BROWN – CHARLTON BIBLE RECORDS

*Our thanks to Martha C. Cooke and members of the Travellers Rest Chapter, NSDAR in Brentwood TN for this Bible transcription. The twenty-eight members of the Charlton family listed on these pages were born between 1832 and 1949, and the majority lived in the White Bluff area in Dickson County, Tennessee. Members of the Brown family, probably unrelated, are listed on separate pages; their place of residence is not given.*

### The Brown family:

**Stephen W. Brown** was Born May the 26, 1835

**Pheby Ann Brown** was born Oct the 17th, 1836

[**Stephen W. Brown** and **Pheby Ann Cantrell** was married Sept 1st 1856]

**Sarah F. Brown** was born June the 17th 1857

**Harrit H. Brown** was born Dec. 18th 1858

**Jefferson D. Brown** was born July the 18th 1861

**James A. Cook** was born June 6th 1848 this April the 1 1871

**Ella Mabel Howell** was born July 23rd 1874

**Henry L. Shacklett** and **Emma A. Nicks** was married Oct 1st 1874

### The Charlton Family:

#### BIRTHS

**Wm Currin Charlton** was born Jan the 9th 1832

**Nancy Ann Charlton** was born Oct 12th 1834

**Mary Eliza Charlton** was born Oct 28th 1856

**Martha Eudorah Charlton** was born April 1st 1858

**Anise Louella Charlton** was born Oct 5th 1859

**Charles William Charlton** was born May the 5th 1861

**Molley Ann Charlton** was born Dec 9th 1862

**Willie C\_\_\_ Charlton** was born March 18th 186\_\_

**George Monroe Charlton** was born Nov \_\_ 1869

**W.E. Register** was born Jan 16th 1866

**Addie Odell Bartholomew** was born Sept 16, 1878 in Kansas City, Kansas

**Mattie Irene Register** was born April 29, 1894 White Bluff, Tenn.

**Anne Lucille Collier Register** was born January 25, 1906 in Nashville, Tenn.

**John Eldridge Hows** was born May 3, 1928 in Nashville, Tenn.

**William C\_\_\_ Charlton** was born Jan 29, 1919 – White Bluff, Tenn.

**Richard Ronell Charlton** was born April 19, 1923 White Bluff, Tenn.

**Shearron Dorris Charlton** was born Jan 9, 1949 – Nashville, Tenn.

**George William Charlton** was born Sept 9, 1895 in White Bluff, Tenn.

**Walter Currin Charlton** was born Jan 27, 1898 in White Bluff, Tenn.

**Charles E\_\_\_ Charlton** was born Jan 22, 1902 in White Bluff, Tenn.

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**W. Morrison Charlton** was born Aug 22, 1909 in White Bluff, Tenn.  
**Edwin Tillman Charlton** was born July 9, 1912 in White Bluff, Tenn.  
Baby was born March 22, 1915 in White Bluff, Tenn.  
**Shearon Dorris Charlton** was born Jan 9, 1949 in Nashville, Tenn.  
**George Monroe Charlton** was born Sept 29, 1927 in White Bluff, Tenn.  
**Edwin Elwood Charlton** was born Dec 20, 1933 in White Bluff, Tenn.

## MARRIAGES

**Wm. Currin Charlton** And **Nancy Ann Troublefield** was Married Nov. 28th 1855 Kingston Springs, Tenn.  
**Mattie G. Troublefield** And **G.W. Collier** was married March 18th 1873 White Bluff, Tenn.  
**William R. Carroll** And **Mary Troublefield** was married Feb 8th, 1852 Kingston Springs, Tenn.  
**Houston M. Carroll** and **Mollie Ann Tucker** was married Feb. 18th 1894  
**George M. Charlton** was Married 11-11-50 to **Jessie Ruth Bilbrey** of Livingston Divorced 10-27-55 in Crossville, Cumberland County, Tenn.  
**W.E. Register** and **Willie C. Charlton** was married June 4th 1893 White Bluff, Tenn. at home  
**G.M. Charlton** and **Addie O. Bartholomew** Was married March 25th, 1884. White Bluff, Tenn.  
**Walter C. Charlton** and Miss **Lela Olds** was married Aug 4, 1918, White Bluff, Tenn.  
**Geo. W. Charlton** and **Lucy Schultze** was married Jan 29, 1929 Wheeling, W.Va.  
**Richard Roenell Charlton** And **Pauline Davis** married Aug. 15th, 1942 in Nashville, Tenn.  
**Edwin Tillman Charlton** And **Hazel Dorris** was married Oct 31, 1942 White Bluff, Tenn.  
**William Curr Charlton & Marry Armstrong** was married \_\_\_\_\_

## DEATHS

**Martha Eudorah Charlton** Departed this life March the 2nd 1864  
**Marry Eliza Charlton** Departed this life Dec 11th 1856  
**Charles William Charlton** Departed this life Dec 8th 1861  
**Molley Ann Charlton** Departed this life May the 5th 1864  
**Dr. W.C. Charlton** departed this life Nov 28, 1898  
**Nancy Ann Charlton** departed this life Dec 31, 1918  
**Addie Bartholomew Charlton** departed this life Friday Sept. 15, 1961  
**Edwin Elwood Charlton** departed this life June 2, 2002  
**Eliza R. Troublefield** departed this life Sept 16, 1888  
**Richard Morrison Charlton** departed this life Aug. 11, 1925  
**Dr. G.M. Charlton** departed this life Monday, April 12, 1943  
**Charlie E. Charlton** departed this life Aug 22, 1952  
**George William Charlton** departed this life February 27, 1957  
**Ricard Ronell Charlton** departed this life October 11, 1987  
**George Monroe Charlton** departed this life November 2, 1998

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**CROCKETT COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
CLERK MINUTES, QUARTERLY COURT**

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*Transcribed by Joanne Wheeler*

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Tuesday, September 3rd AD 1872

Court met pursuant to adjournment present and presiding his worship **Isaac M. Johnson, J.H. Davis** associate justice, **J.M. Roseman** associate, **F.J. Wood** and **R.G. Harris** sheriff *pro tem* when the following proceedings were had. To wit:

**R.J. Haynes** constable elect of Civil District No 1 Crockett County brought forward **Joseph Marlow** and gave him as additional security on his bond as constable for eight thousand dollars which was approved by the court, said **J. Marlow** acknowledged his bone in open court.

Upon direction as the law directs it is ordered by this court that the following named persons viz **Jeremiah Leggett, Humphry Jones, T.J. Mansfield, Philip Chronester**, and **J.H. Parker** be appointed a Jury of View to view out a public road beginning at Pond Creek Bridge on the Eaton and Chestnut Bluff road thence on a line between **W.N. Beasley** and **Humphrey Jones** thence between **J.F. Swain** and **H. Riddick** to the Quincy road thence with the same about one fourth mile thence on a line between **J. Leggett** and **A. Warren** to **J. Mansfield** line thence through **T.J. Mansfield** land to **J.D. Agee's** line thence the most practicable route to the Dyersburg and Chestnut Bluff road at or near the field known as the **Napier** field and report at the next term of this court whether said road is demanded by the public good and who if any person would be damaged by the establishment of said road. Issued

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State of Tennessee  
Bastardy  
vs. **Solomon Nunn**

This cause came on for hearing before the county court of Crockett County and the judgement of the court is that defendant **Solomon Nunn** pay for the use of the bastard child the sum of ninety \$90.00 dollars in three installments forty dollars to be paid on the first of July 1873, thirty dollars to be paid on the first of July 1874 and twenty \$20.00 on the first of July 1875 and is to give bond and security for the payments of the above amts. payable to **John Burnett** appointed by the court received to apply said amts. for the use and benefits of said bastard child and it is further ordered that defendant in this case pay all cost on this behalf expended and that execution shall issue.

State of Tennessee  
Bastardy  
vs. **Jack Malon** col

This cause on for hearing before the county court of Crockett County and the witness in

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behalf, state not being ready for trial on motion, it was continued until the 2nd day of the next term of this court and it is further ordered that notice issue to **Dicy Scales** to make her personal appearance at the court house in Alamo on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in October to give evidence in behalf of the state. This she shall in no wise omit under the penalty prescribed by law.

We acknowledge our selves indebted to the state of Tennessee in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to be void if **Jack Malon** shall make his personal appearance at the court house in the town of Alamo on the first Tuesday after the 1st Monday in October next and their to answer the state in Bastardy on the body of **Dicy Scales** and not depart without leave of the court.

**Jack Malon** X his mark  
**W.S. Powell**

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**J.W. Roseman** this day presented in open court his bond in the sum of five thousand dollars payable to the State of Tennessee with **T.J. Hicks** and **W. Warmath** as his securities the said **J.W. Roseman** acknowledged said bond in open court and it swas further ordered bond in the orricers bond book. **J.W. Roseman** was duly qualified in open court.

Court adjourned til court in course

**Isaac M. Johnson** Chairman  
**J.H. Davis** associate  
**J.W. Roseman** associate PT

Alamo Monday October the 7th AD 1872  
State of Tennessee  
Crockett County

County Court  
October term

Be it remembered that at a county court began and held at the Masonic Hall in the town of Alamo in and for the county of Crockett on the first Monday in October it being the 7th day of said month AD 1872 this being the quarterly term of said court for the county of Crockett and the state of Tennessee present and presiding his worship **Isaac M. Johnson** chairman and **J.H. Davis** and **S.S. Wathins** associate justices also **J.H. Perry**, **J.C. Cook**, **J.F. Robertson**, **D. H. James**, **G.W. Bond**, **Dennis Tatum**, **Z.P. Warren**, **L.W. Daniel**, **T.B. Cacy**, **S.D. Hopper**, **R.W. Mason**, **F.M. Thompson**, **B.H. Harmon**, **W.P. Rice**, **J.C. Best**, **J.W. Roseman**, **W.N. Beasley**, **Henry Wyse**, **Isaac A. Nunn**, **John E. Pearson**, **J.J. Farrow**, **J.F. Sinclair** and **Henry Buck** Esqs. Duly commissioned and qualified to hold said court. **Francis J. Wood** clerk and **R.G. Harris** sheriff when the following proceedings were had to wit:

**Ferdinand P. Hall**, guardian  
**Martha A.E. Bowls**

**Ferdinand P. Hall** was this day appointed guardian for **Martha A.E. Bowls** minor child of **George W. Bowls** deceased and the said **Ferdinand P. Hall** Came forward and entered into bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with **T.F. Conley** and **J.C. Cook** as his securities which was severally acknowledged in open court received by the court and ordered to be recorded and the said **F.P. Hall** took as required by law.

**Ferdinand P. Hall**, Guardian of **Martha A.E. Bowls**

**Ferdinand P. Hall** this day produced in open court a transcript from the Gibson County Court duly certified to by **M.C. Holmes** clerk, by **A.S. Curry** deputy clerk At office in Trenton Tennessee on the 9th day of August 1872 showing that **Ferdinand P. Hall** was appointed Guardian of **Martha A.E. Bowls** on the 6th day of July 1868 and the first Monday in the month by the quarterly term of the Gibson County Court with **T.F. Conley** and **James A. Cox** as his securities on Guardian Bond and which was acknowledged, received and approved by the court. The transcript further shows **F.P. Hall** to be indebted to said **Martha A.E. Bowls** \$423.07 per settlement made with **M.C. Holmes** clerk of Gibson County Court on the 15th day of May 1871. Said transcript is now filed, marked and sealed with the clerk of this court.

**J.F. Robertson**, Administrator of **Asa Robertson**, deceased

**J.F. Roberson** this day produced in open court a transcript from **M.C. Holmes** clerk of Gibson County Court per **A.S. Curry** Deputy clerk showing the indebtedness of **J.F. Robertson** as administrator of **Asa Roberson** deceased on and per settlement made with said clerk on the 27th day of October 1870, which was received by this court and charged up to **J.F. Roberson** as administrator of **Asa Roberson** deceased the amount per statement 2 120 54 two thousand one hundred and twenty 54/100 dollars.

Alamo Monday October the 7th AD 1872

**James S. Roberts**, Adm of **Alexandrew R. Avery** deceased

On motion **James S. Roberts** was this day appointed administrator of the estate of **Alexandrew B. Avery** deceased. Whereupon the said **James S. Roberts** came into court and entered into bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with **J.S. Babb** and **R.T.S. Avery** as his securities who severally acknowledged in open court approved by the court and ordered to be received the said **James S. Roberts** was duly qualified as administrator and it is further ordered that letters of administration issue to the said **James S. Roberts**.

**J.B. Smith** – Bonds

**J.B. Smith** tax collector for Crockett County this day came into Court and entered into his two bonds one as revenue collector for the state of Tennessee in the sum of twenty five thousand dollars and one as revenue collector for Crockett County in the sum of twenty five thousand dollars with **W.H. Craig**, **S.W. Daniel**, **J.E. Pearson**, **T.M. Strange**, **J.W. Evans**, **J.W. Roseman** and **S.D. Hopper** as his securities which bonds were severally acknowledged in open court which was approved by the court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said J.B. Smith as the law directs.

Know all men by their presents that we **J.B. Smith**, **W.H. Craig**, **L.W. Daniel**, **J.E.**

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**Pearson, T.M. Strange, John W. Evans, J.W. Roseman and S.D. Hopper** are held and firmly bound into the State of Tennessee in the sum of twenty five thousand dollars witness our hands and seals this 7th day of October 1872.

The condition of the above obligation is such that where as the above bound J.B. Smith was on the first day of August 1872 duly and constitutionally elected Tax Collector for Crockett County.

Now if the said **J.B. Smith** shall faithfully collect and promptly pay over to the State of Tennessee or to the person or persons authorized to receive the same for the State of Tennessee all monies by him received by virtue of his said office and do and perform all their duties pertaining to said office according to the laws of Tennessee. Then the above obligations to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue:

**J.B. Smith**  
**W.H. Craig**  
**L.W. Daniel**  
**J.E. Pearson**

**T.M. Strange**  
**J.W. Evans**  
**J.W. Roseman**  
**S.D. Hopper**

Ordered by the court a majority of the magistrates being on the bench and voting in the affirmative that the order passed at the July term of the court assessing a RR tax in the fraction of Haywood County now in Crockett county be so amended as to assess 25 cents on each pole.

On motion it was ordered that court proceed to elect a Rail Road tax Collector the Haywood fraction now composing a part of Crockett County. Whereupon a ballot was had and resulted in the election of **L.W. Daniel Esq.** Upon the first ballot.

**L.W. Daniel** Rail Road Tax Collector for Haywood fraction now a part of Crockett County, came into court and entered into bond in the sum of five Thousand Dollars with **J.W. Evans, F.G. Cates, J.W. Roseman and T.T. Norville** as his securities which bond was severally acknowledged in open court and the oath was duly administered to the said **L.W. Daniel**. Said bond was approved by the court and ordered to be recorded.

**J.J. Farrow** Notary Public for Crockett County this day came into court and entered into bond in the sum of five thousand dollars with **James Lowerry** and **T.T. Norville** as his securities which bond was severally acknowledged in open court approved by the court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **J.J. Farrow**.

**E. Hamilten**, Exec of **William Hamilten** dec

A paper writing preporting to be a copy of the last will and testament of **William N. Hamilten** deceased was this day produced in open court and the execution thereof authenticated by the certificate of **P.C. McCouat** clerk of Madison County court under the seal of said court which is as follows:

State of Tennessee  
Madison County

I **P.C. McCouat** Clerk of the county court of said county to hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and perfect copy of the Last Will and Testament of **William N. Hamilten** deceased as the same was duly proven and admitted to record at the January term 1854 of said county and as the same now appears of record in my office in record of old wills on pages 144, 145

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and 146. Witness my hand and the seal of said court at office this 5th day of October 1872.  
**P.C. McCowat** clerk (seal)

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Monday October the 7th AD 1872

Thereupon **E. Hamilten** executor named in said will came into court and entered into bond in the sum of five thousand dollars with **D.H. James** and **T.B. Cacy** as his securities which bond was severally acknowledged in open court approved by the court and ordered to be recorded the said **E. Hamilten** was then duly qualified as the law directs and it was ordered that letters testamentary issue to the said **E. Hamilten**.

On motion it is ordered by the court that the chairman **Isaac M. Johnson** be authorized to issue to **Campbell and McCorry** 4 warrants of two hundred and fifty dollars each in lieu of the warrant of one thousand dollars appropriation made at the July term of this court and that he be authorized to issue two warrants of two hundred and fifty dollars each to **E.J. Read** and **W.I. McFarland** in lieu of the appropriation made to them at the July term of five hundred dollars each and that he be also authorized to issue to **A.A. Freeman** three warrants in lieu of five hundred dollars warrant appropriation made at the July term of this court two for two hundred dollars each and one for one hundred dollars.

On petition it is ordered by the court that **George Buckingham, A.F. Day, Willis Evans, W.A. Dungan** be and they are hereby appointed a Jury of View to view out a public road from the Jackson Road at H.A. Welch farm over the most practicable route to intersect the Jackson and Alamo Road at or near the farm of **John Blades**.

On motion it is ordered by the court that **L.W. Daniel** rail road tax collector for the Haywood fraction as Crockett County and **Francis J. Wood** rail road tax collector on prev \_\_\_\_ pay over rail road to the Brownsville Savings Bank at Brownsville and that they be allowed the same percent as is now allowed similar collectors for rail road; (Brownsville, Holly Springs and Ohio Road) in Haywood County and take receipts to the credit of Haywood fraction now in Crockett County for said road and that **L.W. Daniel** and **F.J. Wood** pay over all monies coming into their hands for said road once every three months at least. Issued.

**W.T. Agee**, Guardian of **W.D. Davis, James M. Davis, Francis H. Davis**

**W.T. Agee** was this day appointed guardian of **W.D. Davis, James M. Davis and Francis H. Davis** whereupon the said **W.T. Agee** came into court and entered into bond in the sum of five hundred dollars with **D.T. Agee** and **W.M. Walker** as his securities which was severally acknowledged in open court approved by the court and ordered to be recorded **W.T. Agee** was duly qualified as Guardian.

**J.F. Robertson** and **J.H. Perry**, Adm of **M.W. Roberson**

On motion the clerk presented a settlement of **J.H. Perry** and **Roberson** as administrators of **W. M. Roberson** deceased from the certificate of **W.M. Watkins** clerk of Dyer County court dated August 5 Anno Domini 1872 showing three thousand two hundred and

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sixty six 36/100 dollars as per settlement made with said clerk on the 18th day of June 1872 after all the just credits the balance was passed to the credit of three heirs of **W.M. Roberson** deceased Viz **Mary E. Roberson, Asa L.** and **Mosetta Roberson** amounting to \_\_\_\_\_ to each minor and so entered on guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Book pages \_\_\_\_\_ which is approved by the court and ordered recorded.

**J.F. Roberson** Guardian of **Mary E. Asa L. & Mosetta Roberson**

The clerk of this court exhibited a settlement made with **J.F. Roberson** as guardian for **Mary E., Asa L** and **Mosetta Roberson** which was approved by the court and ordered to be recorded.

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**Fletcher Taylor, Henry Babb, C.E. McQuarter** a committee appointed by this court to report the probable cost of levying and bridging Cypress Bottom reported that it would cost near \$300.00 three hundred dollars to make the levee proof against high water which report was discharged and it is further ordered that the report shall not be acted upon till April court 1873.

Ordered by the court that **W.F. Jones, Z.P. Warren, R.A. Vandike, J.B. Yancy, S.S. Booth** be and they are hereby appointed a Jury of View to view out a road from Cairo to the Ashport Road near **Daniel White's** and report to the next term of this court as to who will be damaged if anyone by said proposed road and whether the public good demands such a road and report their action of the next term of this court.

The undersigned free holders having been summoned by the sheriff of Crockett County and duly sworn as a Jury of View to lay out the road described in the annexed order have proceeded [to] perform the duty assigned them and do agree upon and make the following report to wit: The said road should begin at the Cageville and Friendship Road at the mouth of the lane near **Widow McFarland's** run north between **Norville D. Nunn** between **Nunn** and **Cates** between **Cates** and **Burkes** between **Burkes** and **Stallings** home tract and the Fleming tract between the **Widow Webb** and **Farrow** and **Fife**, between **Nance** and **Green** intersecting the Jackson and Dyersburg Road near N\_\_\_\_\_ School house. Said road is designated by a blaze with a notch above and below. They have this laid out said road to the greatest advantage of the inhabitants believing it to be highly beneficial to all and none materially injured all of which is respectfully submitted to the worshipful county court. **J.C.W. Nunn, M.V. Nance, I.R. Bush, F.G. Cates. A.G. Norville**

It was ordered by the court that the report be received and the road allowed as specified by the Jury of View and it is further ordered that **J.C.W. Nunn** and **M.V. Nance** be appointed overseers to open out said road. Make **Bob Webb** cabin dividing line and work all the hands in ½ mile east and west of said new road. A Jury of View consisting of **T.J. Mansfield, Phillip Chronister, Jeramiah Leggett,** and **Humphry Jones, J.H. Parker** to view out a public road beginning at Pond Creek bridge running as specified in the order September term made their report after which it was ordered by the court that the jury be discharged and the matter postponed indefinitely.

**Sol W. Brassfield vs Martha Brassfield et al**

In the county court Crockett County October Term Be it remembered that this cause came into be heard before the worshipful county court etc. \_\_\_ on this seventh day of October 1872 on the bill of petition order *pro confesso* answer of minors by their guardian *ad litem* and proof in the cause and it appearing to the court that the decedent **George S. Brassfield** died, siezed and possessed of the lands described in the pleadings to wit: Bounded on the west by the lands of **W.W. Nance** (where now resides his son **Martin Nance**) and **John L. Epperson** and **A. Buck** and children, on the east by the lands of said **Buck** and children and on the south by lands of said **Buck** and children in all. Making as your petitioner is clearly satisfied as much as and about two hundred and fifty acres (250) of land and it further appearing that the aforesaid land is all of which said **George S. Brassfield**, decd possessed and that **Martha D. Brassfield** afore said one of the defendants is the widow of said decedent and as such is first entitled to a homestead out of said promises recited as by law allowed her said husband having died in the early part of 1871. Subsequent to the passage or allowance of homestead and as such widow is entitled to dower of one third part of said real estate remaining after allowance of homestead to the value of one thousand dollars and it further appearing that complainant **Solomon W. Brassfield** and defendants **Katie D. Norville**, **Samuel**, **Emma**, and **Albert Brassfield** as the heirs at law of said **George S. Brassfield** deceased are entitled by decent to equal undivided interest of one fifth each and it appearing that complainant **Solomon W. Brassfield** is over twenty one years old and petitions to have his one fifth interest in aforesaid land allotted and \_\_\_\_\_ set off after reservation of homestead and dower to which appears she is well entitled the rights of, the parties aforesaid are declared accordingly and it is adjudged and decreed that petition of **Solomon W. Brassfield** be allowed his share in said real estate and cut off and the shares of remaining four heirs be left undivided and in common and the court accordingly appoints **M.V. Nance** and **Troy Avery** in conjunction with **Will A. Johnson** the partition of said land to the extent and up-on orders decrees aforesaid partition to be made both with reference to quality and quantity that all lines run in the carrying out said duties of allotment as aforesaid be perpetuated by marked trees or post erected and that said commissioners make this report the next term of this court or if by and default not so reported than to a future term.

Ordered by the court tht **John W. Lyons**, **W.W. Nance** and **J.J. Brown** be and they hereby appointed a Jury to examine and assess damages if any sustained by **Noah Stalling** establishing the new road running on the line between said **Stalling's** and **R.W. Fleming** and report at the next term of this court.

Court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

**Isaac M. Johnson** chairman

**J.H. Davis** associate

**S.S. Watkins** associate

(to be continued)

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## The Strange Story of the Found Headstone

by Vince Hughes

Most folks in Germantown know “Mr. Harry”.

Mr. Harry Cloyes wears several hats and is well known for all of them. He is the Master Gardener of his property at Oaklawn Gardens, and the founder and curator of the museum of Germantown memorabilia located on his home site. He is also known as the unofficial, local historian.

So it was not unusual when a young man came to his door about ten years ago carrying a strange find and with an unusual story. The young man said he had been hiking along the Germantown Green Belt beside the Wolf River. His toe stumbled on something hard and he uncovered the half-buried object which had almost tripped him: a tombstone covered with dirt and showing a death date of 1897. The stone had marked the burial site of a young man named George A. Lambert who was born July 2, 1880. The hiker immediately recognized the headstone was no longer marking the site of the burial. He gathered up the stone and took it to Mr. Harry’s house. Mr. Cloyes cleaned the stone and kept it in his museum for ten years trying to determine where the 17 year-old Lambert had been buried.

Several weeks ago, I was interviewing Mr. Harry about the history of several of the old houses along Poplar Pike. He happened to mention the old headstone that found its way to his house. I noted the name, date of birth and date of death on the stone and told Mr. Harry I would try to do some research on George A. Lambert, born 1880 and died May 9, 1897.

Returning to my home I was surprised to find three researchers that had included Lambert in their family history database on the RootsWeb WorldConnect Project. Emails quickly went out to all of them with requests for more information, mainly, “Where was he buried?”.



*Entrance to Piney Grove Cemetery  
Hardeman, County TN*



*Mr. Harry Cloyes of Oaklawn  
Gardens, Germantown, TN with the  
found headstone*

A week later, I had received no responses- not even a message saying they didn’t know. Well, it was back to the Internet and more digging. Finally! I got a hit on a cemetery inventory on the Piney Grove Cemetery that had been transcribed by Mrs. Charlotte Holloway in Hardeman County, Tn. in 1999.

Hardeman County! That’s over 80 miles east of where the headstone was found. The stone was found beside the Wolf River, but one thing I knew for sure; headstones don’t float!

I fired off an email to Mrs. Holloway telling her of the find and

received an almost immediate and surprising response. She said she was sure Lambert's headstone was still there! She drove the 9 miles from her home in Silerton to the Piney Grove cemetery to check the burial site. Sure enough, she reported there was a headstone marking the site of young Mr. Lambert's final resting place. However, she said, the stones for his parents were very old and George's stone appeared new. We assumed the family found the original stone was missing and had replaced it. Mrs. Holloway contacted the family and they confirmed that 15 years ago, the family went to the cemetery for the annual decoration day. Everything was in place that day. When they returned a week later there were two stones missing and one broken. One of the missing headstones was that of George A. Lambert. They had it replaced along with his brother's stone which was the other one that was missing.



*The new headstone*

On October 19, 2007, we made arrangements to transport the original stone to Hardeman County, meet Mrs. Holloway and place the stone in its proper place over Lambert's grave site. We had a good visit with Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Rose Green who told us they have just formed the Hardeman County Genealogical Society. They have spent many hours transcribing all of the cemeteries in Hardeman County and posting these transcriptions on the Hardeman Co. web site. If this information had not been available, the headstone

could never have been returned.



*Mrs. Holloway and Vince Hughes place the headstone in its rightful place.*

After returning the stone and visiting with Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Green, my wife and I walked back to our car feeling good that we were able to reunite the remains of young Mr. George Lambert with his original monument. We thought this story was over.

However, just as I started the car, my cell phone rang unexpectedly and upon answering it, I found it was a

lady in Gibson County with very surprising news. She said they had just discovered an old cigar box with a large number of family letters and papers in it. She said she found my web site and thought these papers belonged to my family. She read me some of the letters and they mentioned my mother and her sister visiting their uncle and many more items that were real treasures to my family. I was shocked!

After completing the call, I explained to my wife what had just happened. We both sat there for a few minutes thinking the same thing; could this be the young Mr. Lambert's way of thanking us for returning his original stone?

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## REVIEWS OF BOOKS AND COMPACT DISCS

**NEW KENT COUNTY, THE VESTRY BOOK OF ST. PETER'S PARISH, VIRGINIA 1682-1758** by *The National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia. Southern Historical Press, Inc., reprinted 2006. 242 pages, indexed, paperbound; item #VA 66. \$30.00.*

This is a welcome addition to any library because New Kent is a "burned" county and few records are available from the years before 1865. New Kent County was formed in 1654 from York County, which itself was taken from Hanover, King William and King and Queen counties. Parish vestries in Virginia were given some of the civil administrative functions for each community, and official actions were often recorded in parish registers. Included here, in addition to records of births, weddings and burials, is information on the upkeep and training of illegitimate children and orphan apprentices, the payment and upkeep of local roads and ferries, provision of food, clothing and shelter for the poor and elderly, burying the dead and collection of debts.

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA. LAND TAX LISTS 1782-1802** by *Gayle Austin. Southern Historical Press, Inc., 2007. 322 pages, indexed, paperbound; item #VA 124. \$38.50.*

The land tax records are probably the least known and used records from the state of Virginia. This book starts with the list of land owners and the number of acres owned in the year 1782, giving changes for the next three years, and continues with a list of new Patent Lands for the years 1782-1785; both lists are indexed. After 1786, all names starting with "A," "B", etc. are listed together, along with the number of acres owned and taxed and location of the land. Also included: an index of errors in previous lists.

These records were taken from microfilms and were carefully verified with original deed books when still available. Valuable information which may be obtained from these records includes date of land sale and names of persons involved in the transfer of property (often children or other family members are named), whether the land owner stays or leaves the county, and sometimes the death dates of the owner.

**THE DEEDS OF PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1783-1790** by *Gayle Austin. Southern Historical Press, Inc., 2007. 368 pages, indexed, paperbound; item #VA 123. \$35.00.*

Before 1767, Pittsylvania County was part of Halifax County, Virginia. Many early settlers migrating to other areas passed through on their way to Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas. These deed listings were taken from Deed Books 7 and 8 of Pittsylvania County and a part of Deed and Will Book No. 11 which was on the same microfilm roll, as well as some material from Deed Book 9 from May 1791 to April 1794. As mentioned above, much more information is included than the purchase and sale of land; the reader may find out about marriages and/or relinquishment of dower rights, remarriages of widows, division of family farms among heirs, and other property of the landowners, including the names of slaves.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY VIRGINIA, THE VESTRY BOOK OF CHRIST CHURCH 1663-1767** by *C.G. Chamberlayne. Southern Historical Press, Inc., 1906, reprinted 2006. 394 pages, indexed, hardbound; item #VA 97. \$38.50.*

This volume contains the earliest records of Christ Church, Middlesex County, Virginia, some of which date from before the parish was established in 1666. The first entry in the book, concerning the vestry meeting of Lancaster Parish, involved land on both sides of the

Rappahannock. In 1664 there were two parishes in the portion of the county south of the river, Lancaster and Reanckatanck, with one minister, and there was discussion in 1665 as to whether they should remain separate or merge. On January 29, 1666 the two parishes merged and became Christ Church. At this time the land south of the Rappahannock was in Lancaster County; Middlesex County was formed two or three years later, at some time after February 5, 1669.

The Christ Church, Middlesex vestry book lists about 8,000 individuals, and includes records of such civil and administrative actions as the processing of land of property owners, training of young people in crafts and ways to make a living, binding out young slaves for training and taking care of the poor, sick and elderly of the parish.

**POWHATAN COUNTY VIRGINIA THE VESTRY BOOK OF KING WILLIAM PARISH 1709-1750** by R.H. Fife. *Southern Historical Press, Inc., 1905-06, reprinted 2006. 155 pages, indexed, hardbound; item #VA 58. \$30.00.*

This book goes back to the years before Powhatan County was formed and includes the portion of the county taken from Henrico County in 1777 in which Manakin Town, the largest settlement of Huguenots in Virginia, was established. The descendents of these Huguenots have since scattered to almost every state, and this vestry book contains valuable information not available previously.

Frenchmen, probably Huguenots, were in this area about three years before Jamestown was settled, and little by little other Huguenots came to the area of Manakin Town. A large group settled in the area in 1700 because they were granted such special privileges as full citizenship on arrival and freedom of worship. They were welcomed and assisted by the Colony of Virginia, and given a tract of 10,000 acres, the best along the James River. Official civil and administrative actions of the parish are recorded, as in other vestry books,

including information on the surveying of land to settle lawsuits over boundary lines (processing).

This book is a valuable resource for the genealogist looking for Huguenot ancestors who lived in Virginia.

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**DIRECTORY OF SCOTS BANISHED TO THE AMERICAN PLANTATIONS 1650 - 1775** by David Dobson. *Clearfield Publishing Co, 1983 reprinted 2007. 239 pages, indexed, paperbound; item #1485. \$26.00*

During the period between 1650 and 1775 it is difficult to find the link between the Scottish settler in America and his origins in many instances. Although there were a few persons being banished throughout the years of colonization, there were times when large numbers arrived from Scotland. Thousands of Scots soldiers who became prisoners after the Civil War in Britain, the Covenanter Uprisings and the Jacobite Rebellion were banished to Virginia, New England and the West Indies, and many Scots seamen and pirates were included.

This list is taken from the records of the Privy Council of Scotland, the High Court of Justiciary, Treasury and State papers, prison records, and other miscellaneous sources, bringing all the information of Scots banished to the Colonies before 1775 together to aid in research. Information which may be found in these records includes name, occupation, place of residence in Scotland, place of capture and where held, names of parents, date and cause of banishment, name of ship and date and place of arrival in the Colonies.

**BOUNTY AND DONATION LAND GRANTS IN BRITISH COLONIAL AMERICA** by *Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck*. *Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc.*, 2007. 480 pages, indexed, clothbound; item #491. \$45.00.

The English colonies in North America had lots of land, but very little money to pay a person for serving in the military. Land was offered in order to entice a person to serve in the military (bounty land grants) or as a reward to him or his heirs after service (donation land grants). This book lists the 6,500 soldiers known to have received land grants for their military service, and includes information on the place and date of service, rank, military campaign, location of land grants, acreage, and assignments of title to heirs, relatives and friends. A helpful introduction tells the reader where to find the source materials for each colony. A welcome addition to any library.

**INDEX TO PENNSYLVANIA COLONIAL RECORDS SERIES** by *Mary Dunn*. *Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc.*, 1992, reprinted 2006. 228 pages, clothbound; item #1545. Formerly \$20.00, now \$14.00.

Pennsylvania Colonial Records consist of the minutes of the following organizations: the Provincial Council (10 March 1682/83-9 December 1775); Committee of Safety (30 June 1775 – 22 July 1776); Council of Safety (24 July 1776 – 21 April 1777 and 17 October 1777 – 21 April 1777), and Supreme Executive Council (4 March 1772 – 20 December 1790). The minutes of these organizations from 1681 to 1717 were published first, and in 1851 the Governor resumed publishing these records as the first series of Pennsylvania Archives, along with such related papers as letters and petitions. This new index, which supersedes a general index of volumes 12-16 of this material prepared in 1860, permits access to this material in much greater detail than ever before and includes the names of about 50,000 men and women who took part in early Pennsylvania history.

**PIONEER SETTLERS OF GRAYSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA** by *Benjamin Floyd Nicholls*. *The Clearfield Company*, 1914, reprinted 2007. 219 pages, indexed, paperbound; item #4215. \$28.50.

Some of the first settlements west of the Alleghenies were in Grayson County, Virginia, just north of the North Carolina and Tennessee borders. The author grew up among the descendants of these settlers; he includes several generations of each family line, as well as collateral lines. The names of some 4,000 persons are listed, and a history of the region, with pictures, is also included. Surnames included are: **BLAIR, BOURNE, BRYANT, COOLEY, CORNETT, COX, DICKENSON, DICKEY, FULON, GARLAND, GOODYKOONTZ, HALE, JONES, LESEUER, LUNDY, MCCOMANT, MOORS, NICHOLLS, OSBORNE, PERKINS, PHIPPS, PHIEGAR, REEVES, SKINNER, STANTON, SWIFT, THOMAS, VAUGHN, WARD, WHITMAN** and **WORRELL**.

**ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN RACE, IDENTITY AND THE DNA OF THE CHOSEN PEOPLE** By *Jon Entine*. *Grand Central Publishing*, 2007. 432 pages, indexed, hardbound. \$27.99. Order from: *Hachette Book Group, USA, 237 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017* or at your local bookstore.

The advent of DNA testing to learn more about a person's ancestry and genealogy has allowed the author to take a long look at the history of the Jewish people, and in some instances rewrite that history. The first chapter deals with the author's own identity and the effect of having inherited the defective gene which makes the women more susceptible to breast and ovarian cancer and the men to pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, and melanoma of the eye has had on his family.

As a result of DNA testing, Christians, Mormons, Muslims in Europe and the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and in America, and many others around the world have realized they share Jewish ancestry. The author tells of the

priest from New Mexico who found that he was a descendant of Jews who were forced to convert to Christianity during the Spanish Inquisition. A cancer researcher whose family came to America on the Mayflower finds that she also has Jewish ancestors, and a Catholic young man learns that his Jewish mother was adopted by a Polish couple to save her from a concentration camp.

Chapter titles in the book include Blood Ties; Eve and Adam; Finding Aaron; Wandering Tribes; Coming to America; The Vanishing Jews of Spain; Jews & Race; Jewish Mothers or Jewish Genes; and Abraham's Contested Covenant.

This book is well written and easy to read and should be of interest to any researcher anxious to use the newest genealogical tools in proving his ancestry.

**CD #7510: COLONIAL VIRGINIA SOURCE RECORDS 1600's – 1700's.** *Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc. \$39.99.*

This compact disc is a convenient source of hard-to-find information taken from ten different books covering the Virginia colonial period. There are over 353,000 individuals indexed, with names of head of household, family members, dates and details of vital events, along with historical essays, biographical sketches and local histories. Sources include newspaper abstracts, military and local court records, tax lists and marriage records. What makes this collection unique is that this information was compiled before Virginia kept centralized records; for example "The Virginia Tax Payers, 1782-1787" covers the years before the first US census was taken. Also, some of the 34,000 taxpayers listed may have no longer been in Virginia at the time of the 1790 census.

Other valuable data on this compact disc includes muster and payroll records from the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War; names mentioned in over 600 Virginia wills from before 1799; Virginia Court Records in Southwestern Pennsylvania, 1775-1780; and genealogical abstracts of

material from more than 7,000 issues of 80 newspapers published in eighteenth-century Virginia.

This CD may be viewed using either Family Archive or Family Tree Maker; the ten books are each indexed by surname.

**CD #7174: VIRGINIA VITAL RECORDS, 1600's -1800's.** *Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc. \$39.99*

Records of marriages, wills, land, tax and military service taken from *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, *William and Mary College Quarterly*, and *Tyler's Quarterly* are available on this compact disc. Altogether there are 138,000 indexed individuals, making this source one of the largest collections of Virginia records from this period, conveniently gathered in one place.

Much detail is included. For example, marriage records list the date, names of the couple, bonds, minister's returns, licenses, registers, newspaper reports and in many instances names of witnesses and parents.

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*To view these CD's, you must have a CD-ROM drive and must use version 4.0 or higher of Family Archives Viewer (available as a free download at [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com)) or Family Tree Maker for Windows.*

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## GLEANINGS

### TENNESSEEANS MENTIONED IN OTHER PUBLICATIONS

-- compiled by Carol Mittag

**GEORGE RUFUS ANGEL** was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina September 1, 1849 to **Armanda (Marsh) Perry** and **Benjamin Angel**. The family moved to Henry County, Tennessee before the Civil War. **Benjamin** served in the 46<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Tennessee Infantry of Henry County.

**George** married in Henry County on May 17, 1867, **Martha Tennessee Bradshaw**. She was the daughter of **Jessie** and **Mary Bradshaw**. Records show **George** was a painter and blacksmith. **George** and **Martha** had seven children: **Fannie** (1868); **William Ruffus** (1872); **George Washington** (1874); **Alexandra** (1875-1877); **Annie** (1880); **Tinnie**; (1883). The family moved to Hickman County, Kentucky before 1900; **Martha** died there in 1906. **George** married **Molly Mostelle Barnett** in 1910, and she died in 1925. That same year he married **May Proctor** and they had one child named **Benjamin**, born 1928. **May** died in 1931. In December of 1932, he married **Rhodie Bean Bowling** in Graves County, Kentucky. They lived near Hazel, Kentucky until his death in 1935. He is buried in Little Obion Cemetery, Graves County.

This family history, taken from the 1983 Hickman County History Book, Volume 1 is reprinted in *The Hickman County Historical Society News Journal*, a semi-annual publication of the Hickman County Historical Society (June, 2007).

**JOHN BRADBERRY**, a Virginia native who settled in Tennessee and Arkansas, is the subject of an article "Using Cluster Methodology to Backtrack an Ancestor". In 1850 **John Bradberry** lived in Weakley County, Tennessee near other **Bradberry** men born in Virginia between 1800 and 1816, who might

possibly be brothers or cousins based on the birthplace of their children. The article, which appears in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Volume 95, No. 2, June 2007, contains information on the different clusters of **Bradberrys** in Virginia, Weakley and Montgomery Counties in Tennessee, along with a Genealogical Summary.

**WILLIAM HOPWOOD GREEN**, who was born in Maury County, Tennessee May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1817, and died 19 June 1851 in Clinton, Louisiana, married **Rhoda Farrar Currie** at Kingston, Mississippi on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1847. She was born in Jefferson County, Mississippi, October 25, 1827 and died April 3, 1888. The article "William H. Green Family Bible, East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana" may be found in *The Louisiana Genealogical Register*, Volume LIV, No. 2.

**DEATH CERTIFICATES of White People Buried in Maple Hill Cemetery 1908- 1916** (in *Valley Leaves*, Volume 41 No. 4, a publication of the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society) includes the following persons with a Tennessee connection who died in the Huntsville, Alabama area, unless otherwise noted:

**Booker, baby**, (born premature 4 Aug 1910) and **Booker, Daniel infant girl** (born 17 May 1909) both born in Alabama and died same date as birth. The parents; **Daniel** and **Ethel Booker**, both born in Tennessee.

**Bragg, John Alonzo** died 26 April 1909, age 1 year, 10 months, 4 days, father **George T. Bragg**, born Alabama and mother **Nancy Jane Bragg**, born in Tennessee.

**Braly, Joseph** died 26 March 1915, Huntsville, AL, age 23 years, born in Tennessee, cause of death pulmonary tuberculosis, parents Mr. & Mrs. **J. M. Braly**, both born in Tennessee

**Brandon, Ainie**, died ? Jan 1910, of pernicious malaria, age at death 18 years, single, born in Tennessee to **Wm. J.** (born in TN) and **Katie Brandon**, (born in Alabama)

**Brazier, Benie Lena**, died 14 Dec 1908, age 2 months, parents **Parriot** and **Magie Brazier**, both born in Tennessee

**Brent, Charles Brooks**, died 30 Nov 1914, age 2-1/2 days, parents **Marshall Leoing** and **Magie Brent**, both born in Tennessee

**Brock, Bettie**, died from cancer of the rectum on 11 June 1915, at age 58 in Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Brooks, John S.**, died of hemi plegia (stroke) on 8 Jan 1915, at age 78, born in Tennessee

**Bruce, Rebecca**, died of Bright's disease on 2 May 1912, at age 42. She was born in Tennessee and married, but spouse not shown. Her parents were **William** and **Fannie Young**

**Bryant, infant** (female) died 20 Sept 1914 Memphis, Tennessee, parents Mr. and Mrs. **H. L. Bryant**, both born in Alabama

**Caldwell, Infant** (female), stillborn 4 July 1910, in Alabama, parents **N. S.** and **R. B. Caldwell**, both born in Tennessee

**Camplin, Nancy**, died 14 Jun 1912, of tuberculosis of lungs, at age 43 years. She was born in Tennessee to **Wesley** and **Millie Vantruse**, both born in Tennessee. She was married.

**Carriger, child**, died 18 Aug 1915, at age 5 years of infantile paralysis. His parents, **Albert** and **Julia Carriger**, both born in Tennessee

**Cavender, Thomas Edward**, age 23, died 25 March 1909, from cerebral abscess caused by blow to the temple with pruning shears. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee His father **William H. Cavender** was born in Tennessee, and his mother **Frances Victoria Cavender** was born in Kentucky

**Certain, Anderson Lee**, age 38, died 9 November 1914. He was born in Tennessee, married, but name of spouse not shown

**Chick, Nellie**, age 4 weeks, died 26 Sep

1909, from premature birth. The parents were **Robert L.** and **Addie Chick**, both born in Tennessee

**Chick, Addie**, age 27 years, died 6 March 1916, in Nashville, Tennessee from tuberculosis.

**DESCENDANTS of the HONORABLE SAMUEL TANNER** is the third installment in a series of articles published in *Limestone Legacy*, Volume 29, Number 4, by the Limestone County Historical Society, Athens, Alabama. **Meredith Tanner**, fourth child born to **Samuel** and **Margaret Elizabeth (Kitchens) Tanner** was born April 15, 1818, in Northampton County, North Carolina. He died from an accidental gunshot during the Civil War, between 1861 and 1865 at Clinton, Mississippi.

**Meredith** married **Rebecca Julia Smith**, daughter of **Hughey L. Smith** and his wife **Elizabeth** on December 21, 1837 in Athens, Alabama. They were the parents of eight children, one son and seven daughters (the first five were born in Limestone County, Alabama); **Zebulon Stanhope** (born about 1840), **Mary Elizabeth** (born 1842), **Frances V.** (born August 1843), **Harriet Alice** (born about 1846), **Julia Florence** (born April 28, 1847), **Rebecca Julia** (born March 1850 in Tennessee and died November 12, 1938 in Memphis, Tennessee She married **Henry Bell Jarrett**), **Louisa** (born about 1852 in Shelby County, Tennessee and died before August 1, 1860 in Hinds County, Mississippi), **Theresa S.** (born Sept 1854 in Shelby County, Tennessee. She married **William Sephas Randolph** on June 18, 1873, at Panola County, Mississippi), **Alice Eugenia** (born Oct 26 1855 in Clinton, Mississippi). She married **Thomas Felix Gannon**. He was born in McLemoreville, Tennessee. **Alice** died April 8, 1938 in Sardis, Mississippi.

Information on **Samuel** and **Margaret's** third child, a daughter **Martha Ann Tanner** and her descendants is included in the article.

**SAMUEL ETHELTON Frontier Pioneer of Jackson County, Illinois** was born 13 May 1790 in Cocke County, Tennessee. On 13 November 1809, in that same county, he married **Charlotte Conner**. She was born near Bowling Green in Spartanburg County, South Carolina on 14 March 1789. **Samuel** and **Charlotte** were the parents of the following nine children: **Benjamin Franklin** (born and died 19 August 1810, Cocke County), **Samuel T.** (born 26 September 1811, Cocke County and died 7 April 1854, Perry County, Illinois. Before 1830 he married **Rebecca Hull** and they had ten children), **Lucinda, Mariah, Eliza Jane, Maximillian H., Phoebe Carolyn, Julia, and Charlotte**).

**Charlotte Conner's** parents were **Maximillian** and **Phoebe (Bishop) Conner**. **Maximillian** was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, having served from the South Carolina 96<sup>th</sup> District, and was a resident of Greene County, Tennessee when he applied for a military pension in 1832. He stated he was born 1791 in Virginia. In 1840, his widow **Phoebe** applied for a widow's pension. She stated **Maximillian** died on November 27, 1834 in Cocke County, Tennessee, leaving the following children: **Benjamin F.** (born September 1789), **Charlotta**, (born March 14, 1791), **James H.**, (born May 10, 1792), **John**, (born October 6, 1794) **Elizabeth** (born October 18, 1796), **Winney** (born August 19, 1798), **Isaac** (born 1800), **Thomas** (born December 17, 1803); **Maximillian H.** born January 2, 1805), **Mary** (born. November 18, 1807), **Brittana** (born August 19, 1810), and **Madison** (born December 23, 1812)...

The article on this family is published in *The Saga of Southern Illinois*, Volume XXXIII, Number 1.

**FIRST TERRITORIAL CENSUS OF OKLAHOMA 1890**, in the *Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Volume 52, Number 1, includes the following born in

Tennessee: **Emma Bosley**, black female, age 19, a lodger in household number 225; **Albert Walton**, black male, age 29, head of household No. 226; **Hattie Hogan**, black female, age 25, head of household number 227; and **Emma Teautman**, white female, age 20, sister to the head of household **Lizzie Teautman** household number 231.

**UNUSUAL CEMETERY MONUMENTS IN ITAWAMBA COUNTY** were made of pottery and iron. A patent was obtained in 1879 by father and son, **William Payne Loyd** and **William Dickson Loyd**.

**William Payne Loyd** was born on December 5, 1820 in Lincoln County, Tennessee, the son of **James** and **Charity Elvira Payne Loyd**. He married **Thursa Ann Martin** on April 12, 1840 in Lincoln County. Their daughter, **Eleanor** "Ellen", born December 1845 in Lincoln County, married **William Dickerson**. Their other children included: **James M.**, born March 1843, Marion County, **Mary M.**, born about 1845 in Marion County, **Nancy C. "Nannie"** born about 1849 in Marion County; **William Dickerson**, born about 1851 in Itawamba County; **Elizabeth "Lizzie"**, born about 1854 in Itawamba County and **Sephen L.** born about 1862 in Itawamba County.

The article is printed in the *Itawamba Settlers*, Volume 27, Number 2 and contains additional information on this family, and another patent using cast iron, obtained by **James P. Shelton** a Mississippi native, but residing at Gaston, Alabama when he received his patent in 1887.

In the same publication: **JAMES BYRD FRANCIS** (born April 8, 1834 in Franklin County, Tennessee) was the son of **Joseph Francis** (born May 11, 1792 in Lunenburg County, Virginia) and **Sarah "Sallie" Ragland** (born July 25, 1798 in Buckingham County, Virginia). He was the grandson of **Nathaniel** and **Leanna Adcock Francis** of Virginia.

**James** married **Martha E. Hartsfield** on December 13, 1855 in Itawamba County. She was born October 23, 1837 in Alabama to **William** and **Mary McBride Hartsfield**. **James** and **Martha's** children included: **Mary S.** (born October 12, 1856), **Sarah Jane** (born September 24, 1858), **Gilbert T.** (born January 24, 1861), **Sophonra Alice "Allie"** (born June 4, 1863), **Lelia Ada** (January 19, 1866), **Martha A. "Mattie"** (born March 21, 1868), **Emmer J. "Emmer"** (born March 11, 1870), **William Dee** and **Joseph L.** (born August 15, 1873), **Eula Catherine** (born March 27, 1876), and **James Francis** (April 5, 1879).

**Martha's** photograph graces the cover of this issue of *Itawamba Settlers* and **James'** photograph is included with the article. **Martha** (died 23 November 1924) and **James** (died August 13, 1931) are buried in the historic Keyes Cemetery in Itawamba County.

**FOOTPRINTS IN MARION COUNTY (Illinois), Volume 31, Number 2** contains additional information in the following three articles:

**WILLIAM KELL BUNDY** was born in section 1, Centralia Township, Marion County, Illinois on May 4, 1827. He was the son of **Frederick** and **Mary (Wilson) Bundy**. **Mary** was the daughter of **John Wilson** of North Carolina. **Frederick's** father, **Jonathan Bundy** of Tennessee came to Marion County, Illinois as early as 1825 or 1826, settling near Walnut Hill, where he soon afterward died. **Mary** was the daughter of **John Wilson** of North Carolina, and she belonged to the well known **Dorcas** family of Tennessee.

After the death of **William's** first wife, **Elizabeth McClelland**, he married on October 20, 1887, **Mildred Annie Gaines** of Sumner County, Tennessee. Her parents were **Henry Gaines** and **Marion Bradley** (of Nashville, Tennessee), and she had seven siblings: **Hazel, P. D, Josephine, Martha,**

**Henrietta E., Agnes, and Z. T. William** and **Mildred** were the parents of the following children: **Mary Rebecca, Sarah Jane, Elizabeth, Josephine, Isaac M., Fred, and Catherine** (who died young).

**JOSEPH COPPLE** was born in Clark County, Indiana December 23, 1855, the son of **Andrew** and **Christina (Fine) Copple**, both natives of North Carolina, and pioneers of Walnut Hill, Illinois. **Joseph** married **Melinda F. McCullough**, a native of Tennessee in March 1856. They reared the following five children (two died as infants): **Rebecca J., Charles L., Theopolis V., Sam, and George F.**

**WALNUT HILL HISTORY** includes information on settlers from other states to settle on Walnut Hill Prairie.

**Thomas Welch**, a native of Tennessee, settled there in 1819, where he cleared a farm and raised a family of eight children. He afterwards moved to Fulton County, and there died.

**Samuel Huff** settled there in 1822. Three of his eight children were still living in 1881 – **Samuel** in Kansas, **Cynthia Mercer** in the township, and **Rachel Gaston** in Stephenson Township. Mr. **Huff** was also one of the early "Rangers".

**JAMES GILMER** and **PAULINA PICKETT** each entered into their second marriage with a great amount of property. The entanglement of property between them as well as financial decisions involving business and property may well have led to the souring of their ten year marriage. Shortly after the ratification of the **Gilmer** marriage settlement in May 1856, **James** departed for Cuba intent on purchasing land. There are no records or otherwise that he purchased land in Cuba before contracting yellow fever, from which he died on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Paulina** had apparently lived for a time in Tennessee. She cannot be found in the Louisiana 1870 census; but is found that

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decade in McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee. **Paulina** died on June 6, 1899, at the age of 81 of a cerebral hemorrhage, after being invalided for quite some time. She had outlived two husbands and two of her three children. Her obituary states she joined or would be joined by husband **James**, daughter **Sallie**, Sallie's husband, **Robert Campbell Cummings**, son **John** and his second wife **Carrie**, and three of their sons.

Son, **John Pickett** was born in Chester District, South Carolina, on June 21, 1834. It is said without verification that he had twenty-one children. Fourteen are shown in the 1870 and 1880 census reports. **John** first married **Almira Turner Harrison** of McMinnville, Tennessee, prior to 1859, and their six known children were: **Horace**, **Harrison**, **John Turner**, **Pauline DeGraffenreid**, **Sarah Cummings**, **Lucien** and **Almira Turner (Allie)**. According to the 1870 Tennessee and the 1880 Louisiana censuses, **Horace**, **John**, **Lucien** and **Almira** were born in Tennessee and the two middle children born were born in Louisiana. **John's** second marriage to **Carrie L. Doles** took place in Bossier Parish, Louisiana on June 3, 1876. Their known children were **Edward Campbell**, **Clarence**, **James Belton**, **Julia**, **George DeGraffenreid**, **Carrie** and **Mary** (twins), and **Olive (Ollie)**. It has been said that **John** also fathered a child, **Charly** by one of his slaves named **Maria**... **John** was primarily a planter but he held public offices and was a businessman. After a term as state treasurer ended in 1890, he made his home in Shreveport. After more than a year of illness and paralysis he died at his home on September 1, 1900.

**James Belton Pickett, Jr.** was born in South Carolina on June 14, 1840. Little is known about his early life.

The article "James and Paulina Pickett" in *The Genie*, Volume 41, Number 2, the quarterly journal of the ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Association, Shreveport,

Louisiana details the large land holdings and plantations of this family.

**MAURY COUNTY COURT RECORDS - "From Walden Ridge and Chickamauga to Wiregrass, Suwannee and Beyond,"** published in *Huxford Genealogical Society, Inc. Magazine*, Volume XXXIV, Number 2, includes: 28 November 1812, **Nancy Baxter**, case of illegitimate child; January 20 1812, a reference to the will of **Robert McKean**; April 20, 1818, an order that **James Currey** be appointed to oversee repair of public road; May 12, 1818, the will of **James H. Williams**; \_\_\_\_\_ 1819, **Malacai Helms** and **William Curry** appointed overseers of road construction; January 19, 1820, the will of **Bennett Williams**; June 8, 1820, the will of **Permenas Williams**; July 20, 1820 **George Terrill** appointed overseer of publick road repair; July 15, 1822 **Edmund Williams** appointed overseer of road; April 1827 **Thomas Curry** appointed overseer of publick road; A deed from **James Curry** to **James Wilkins** for 62 acres; and April 4, 1828 **George Gresham vs. George W. Gibbs et. al. David Glass vs. Levi Garrett**. The article includes other individuals who worked on the roads, witnesses and family members listed in the wills.

**REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATIONS** The following are abstracts from declarations published in *The Forsyth County Genealogical Society Journal*, Volume 25, Number 3.

**S2200 Declaration of John Evans** – 10 Oct 1835 – Lincoln County, Tennessee – John, aged about 72 years, stated he was born in what is now called Stokes County, North Carolina, on November 18, 1763. He continued to live there until he entered the service. **John** became a substitute in a militia company that was ordered to the old Moravian town to assist in guarding prisoners taken at Kings Mountain. He remained there six to

eight weeks. About January 1781 he volunteered in a company of rangers who scoured the country protecting its citizens. He estimated he was in actual service as a ranger for six months at least.

**John** continued to live in Stokes County until about five years before he moved to Washington County, Virginia, and lived there until November 1832, when he moved to Lincoln County, Tennessee.

#### **R4815 Declaration of Robert Head**

– The file contains two declarations – 7 June 1832 and Robertson County, Tennessee, 12 May 1835. On November 8, 1780, **Robert** entered service. He served in the militia from Surry County, North Carolina until January 8, 1781, when he learned his father had died and his mother was sick and likely to die. He paid a substitute to serve the balance of his term. **Robert** married **Martha Elder** in 1785 in Surry County. **Robert** died in Robertson County, Tennessee 25 December 1838 and **Martha** died there on 20 February 1852. Their surviving children in 1854 were **Francis H. \_\_\_\_\_**, **George**, **Hiram**, **John**, **Hugh**, **Sarah**, **Ellis ?**, and **Martha Winters**.

#### **S4371 Declaration of Thomas**

**Hickman** – This file contains two Declarations filed in Davidson County, Tennessee; August 1832 and 29 April 1834 – **Thomas** was a resident of Davidson County, Tennessee and was born 15 October 1763 in Albemarle County, Virginia. While living in Surry County, North Carolina he volunteered and was elected Ensign. Altogether he served 10 months. He lived in Davidson County, Tennessee after the Revolution.

**SIMPSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY FAMILIES IN 1850** published in *The Longhunter*, Volume XXX, Issue 2, by the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society, Bowling Green, Kentucky, includes the following heads of household born in Tennessee:

HH# 914, **George Hall**, blacksmith, born

1809; HH# 913, **Marcus Hall**, blacksmith, born 1815, HH# 693 - **Robert F. Hanes**, born 1820, HH# 765 - **William M. Hanes**, born 1823, HH# 239 - **D. Hargus**, male, born 1834. The article contains information from the federal census and other sources and lists all family members in the household, some who were born in Tennessee.

**IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS**, an article in *Searches & Researchers*, Volume XXX, Issue 2, published by the Ellis County (Texas) Genealogical Society contains information for **Peter Binkley** and some of his descendants who lived in Tennessee. **Peter** was born March 2, 1704 in Guggisberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. **Peter's** Moravian funeral memoir records his early years and working a variety of jobs including herding cattle, driver for an innkeeper, shoemaker apprentice, etc. He married **Anna Maria Werle** on February 2, 1725. By 1732, **Maria** had given birth to five children, four of whom died young. Only **Catherina**, born June 26, 1731, survived to adulthood. In 1736, **Peter** and his family boarded an English ship, Princess Augusta and journeyed to America. **Peter** settled first in Warwick (now called Lititz) in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. On February 1738, **Anna** gave birth to a daughter, **Christina**, their first child born in America. Later six more children were born; four died in infancy. In September 1748, **Anna Maria** died at the age of 44. On February 3, 1749, **Peter** married **Anna Maria Margaretha Geiger Shemel**, widow of **John Shemel**. She had a two and a half year old son named **John Warner**. In 1773, **Peter** moved his family to North Carolina where the Moravians had purchased 100,000 acres of land. By the time of **Peter's** will, daughter **Christina** had moved to what is now Robertson County, Tennessee, with her husband **Casper Fischer**, and son **Adam** had moved to what is now Cheatham County, Tennessee.

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**Peter's** funeral memoir ends with the note that "Of his twenty-three children by his first and second marriages, eleven are still living". By 1800, two more of his children, **John** and **Jacob**, had left North Carolina for Tennessee. **Peter** died on August 20, 1793 as a result of a fall he suffered on August 11. **Margaretha** outlived **Peter** by nearly ten years dying on Feb 10, 1803, at the age of 81.

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## QUERIES

### CRABTREE – HOLEMAN – PAYNE

Need information on **JOSEPH CRABTREE**, who married **SALLY REBECCA HOLEMAN** in 1795 and died in Robertson County, TN in 1820. Father was **JAMES CRABTREE** and mother was **ELIZABETH PAYNE(?)**. Missing information: **JOSEPH's** date and place of birth, siblings' names, more identifying data on **JAMES CRABTREE**, and definite name of mother.

**James E. Davia**, 203 Doverland Rd., Richmond, VA 23229; [jedcam@aol.com](mailto:jedcam@aol.com)

### OSTEEN – BOWMAN

Who was **ELIZABETH BOWMAN OSTEEN's** husband? She was listed as a widow in the 1900 and 1910 Gibson County (TN) census. He was a son or grandson of **JESSE OSTEEN** from Wayne County (TN). Their children were **JOHN THOMAS**, **WILLIAM FRANK**, **JESSE U. SAMMIE**, **PEARLIE** and **EFFIE**.

**Edith T. Osteen**, 2135 Ewell Road, Moscow, TN 38057; [osteene@bellsouth.net](mailto:osteene@bellsouth.net)

### DEPEW

Would like information on my grandmother, **MARIAH CLARK WILLARD DEPEW**. **MARIAH** (b. 4 Oct 1846 - d. 7 Dec 1914) was the daughter of **DULANEY WILLARD** and **CAROLINE CLARK**. Also need information on my father, **JOHN DULANEY DEPEW** and **his father**, **JOHN DEPEW** of Rock Springs area of TN. (Great-grandfather?) **Dr. ELBERT SEVIER DEPEW** (15 Sept 1834 - 18 Sept 1891) was the son of **MARY BOYD** and **JOHN DEPEW**.

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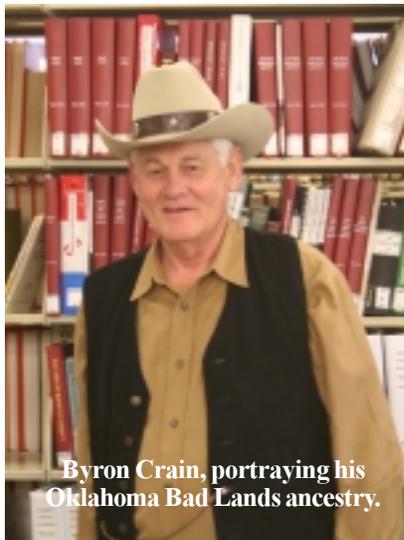
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